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# Communist wins seat on general council

The left wing secured substantial gains in elections for the General Council of the TUC yesterday. After a ten-year gap, a Communist was elected.

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# EEC split over higher prices for farmers

The British Government, supported by the West Germans and the Danes, today reacted coolly to EEC pleas for a special interim increase of 4 per cent in all farm prices to offset rising production costs.

Mr Peart, the Minister of Agriculture, told his community partners at a special emergency ministerial meeting in Brussels that an improvement in farmers' incomes would not be secured by putting up prices.

Mr Peart said that the Government might be able to accept selective price rises on products such as milk and sugar.

Mr Peart also opposed the Commission's controversial proposal to modify the relationship between British agricultural export prices and the Community's common farm price levels.

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A piece of wood washed up on the shore at Southwick yesterday being held by Mr John Condell, a Shoreham lifeboat lancer. Plastic seats of the kind found in ocean-racing yachts have also been spotted.

# UN count of 72 skulls from Cyprus grave

Turkish troops today uncovered more bodies from the mass grave at Maratha in east Cyprus.

The UN count of 72 skulls was reported by the Turkish Army. The skulls were found in a mass grave at Maratha.

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The price rise was due to a shortage of refined sugar. The price reached a record of £360 a long ton.

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# Pursuit of group self-interest seen as main threat to liberal democracy

Liberal representative democracy is likely to pass away within the lifetime of people now adult because of its internal contradictions.

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# We used to enjoy being sneezed at.

In Fribourg & Treyer's early days at 34 Haymarket, certain differences to the present scene would have been noted. Apart from there being, literally, a hay market at the south end - useful for one of our partners who kept his horse stabled in the back room - the Prince of Wales's set and many other members of the gentry were in the habit of calling in to sample their snuff on the premises.



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HOME NEWS

Liberal proposals for mortgage linked to cost-of-living index

By Our Political Staff
Liberal Party proposals to help home-buyers, particularly first-timers, with a variety of new mortgages were announced yesterday by Mr Thorpe, leader of the party. The intention is not to replace the present system but to widen the choice of methods of finance.

Benn hint of support for air projects

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent
Leaders of the British aerospace industry who met Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, when he toured the Farnborough Air Show yesterday, were cheered by indications of government support for two most important future projects, the 146 airliner and a more powerful version of the RB211 jet engine.

Cabinet expected to meet amid election date speculation

By Michael Hatfield
Political Staff
Mr Wilson, back from his holidays on the Isles of Scilly, is expected to call a Cabinet meeting tomorrow before he goes to Brighton to address the TUC.

Wilson likely to announce an election soon, possibly during the week of the Liberal conference, there would have been an obvious embarrassment for Mr Trudeau.

BBC 2 plan to attract viewers of BBC 1

The BBC 2 channel is to compete for viewers against BBC 1 in the autumn, Mr Anthony Slinger, its controller, said yesterday.

Sir Robert Mark on the use of force

By a Staff Reporter
Sir Robert Mark, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, said yesterday that terrorist organisations like the Angry Brigade and the IRA were no more than a pernicious nuisance compared with the settlement of industrial disputes by strength and the use of force at political demonstrations.



Mr Heath outside the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, where he visited the five survivors of his wrecked yacht.

Jack Jones threat of a strike for pension rise

Continued from page 1.
mass unemployment that much more difficult.
Each of us, on the political side of the trade union movement, must put his hand to the social contract. Each of us must be wholehearted and determined to carry it through.

Ulster police criticize 'third force'

From Robert Fisk
Belfast
The Northern Ireland Police Federation, representing over 4,000 members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, last night asked for the continuation of internment without trial, demanded an end to legislation that could place a policeman before a court without a jury, and said that the setting up of any force in Ulster other than the RUC, the Army or the Ulster Defence Regiment "would create a bolocaust".

balanced somewhat by his repugnance at the idea of the formation of an unauthorized third force in Northern Ireland. The legal implications, he said, were clear that such an unauthorized force would be in breach of the law.

An immediate end to internment without trial.
The Vanguard Party said that terrorists would receive a substantial infusion of strength if the gates of the maze prison at Long Kesh were opened.

Constituency parties pick candidates

The following prospective parliamentary candidates have been adopted:
Mr Leonard Eden (Liberal), for Halesowen and Stourbridge, where Mr John Stokes (Conservative) had a general election majority of 4,049.

Three players share chess lead after third round

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
After more exciting play in the Robert Silk tournament three players, Corden, P. Littlewood and Williams, were leading with 2½ points each at the end of round three.

Power supply crisis at Newry worsens

From A Staff Reporter
Belfast
The power crisis in Newry, Co Down, brought about by the Provisional IRA's threat against the lives of electricity workers, worsened yesterday when the IRA told manufacturers that they would not be allowed to use emergency generators to continue production.

that last night the Newry councillors were threatening to stage a sit-in at the Cabinet offices unless the Government produced an answer.
Thousands of workers have been laid off in Newry because the electricity cuts began six weeks ago, and with the spread of the blackout yesterday to neighbouring villages like Richhill and Rathfriland an estimated 40,000 people are affected.

should be withdrawn from the town.
The Provisional IRA statement said no one should use generators except for purposes approved by the IRA and that manufacturing plants and workshops should start running down immediately. Since the IRA has a reasonably powerful battalion in the Newry district, many emergency generators are likely to comply with such instructions.

Weather forecast and recordings

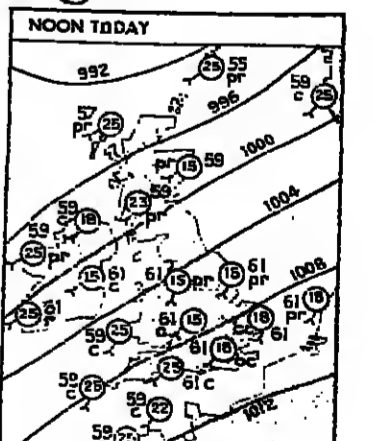
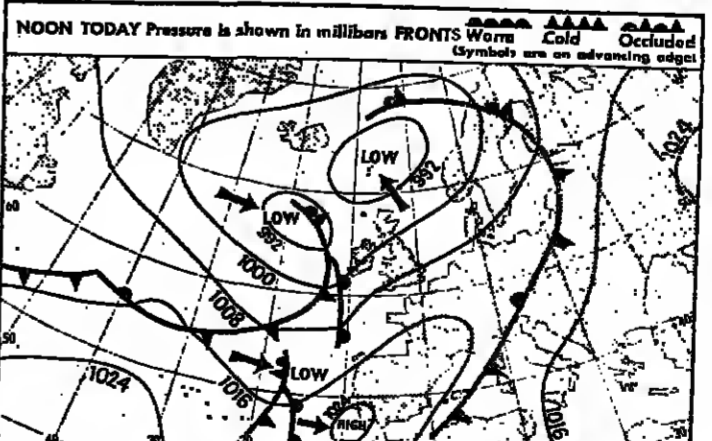


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The Army seen as a force in politics

By Christopher Walker
Fresh ammunition in the controversy over the political role of the British Army is provided in an outspoken article printed in Monday World, the quarterly journal of the right-wing Monday Club.

in the article, the officer writes: "For at least two years now it has been a topic of conversation in the messes of the Army that sooner or later it would be called upon to act in England. The operations at Heathrow—three this year so far—are ominous signs that it is not just a remote possibility.

a probability, then it must be a cause for considerable concern that the Army and the Government are not in a relationship of mutual trust."
The article contains severe criticism of Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Defence, but maintains that a military takeover in Britain is "unlikely".

Advertisement for 'The Queen's Award to Industry' featuring a crown logo and text: '1975 THE QUEEN'S AWARD TO INDUSTRY For exporting and technological achievements'.

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# NOW THAT THE DUST HAS SETTLED . . .

The main aim of The Club of Ten, a private group of citizens, has always been to expose the hoaxing of the public by double standards in international affairs whereby everything that Communist governments do is applauded as progressive and nobly inspired in the interest of the people, whereas the motivation of countries that reject socialism or communism is denounced as sinister and oppressive.

Pursuing this line of argument, The Club of Ten, some months ago, inserted an advertisement in three national newspapers under the title of AN ANALYSIS OF INDIGNATION. This criticised a series of articles by Mr Adam Raphael of THE GUARDIAN attacking the wages paid by British firms operating in South Africa. We extended an invitation to The Guardian to investigate similar wages paid in Hong Kong, Sri Lanka and Singapore and in the independent African countries under black rule. We pointed out that, unlike the Communist countries whose problem is to prevent their own citizens escaping to the West, in South Africa the concern is to control a flood of black labour from outside the country who wish to work in South Africa because of the higher wages paid there, the better living conditions, and the rule of law which prevails.

The Guardian did not accept the invitation. Instead it started a campaign of denigration against The Club of Ten, insisting that The Club of Ten, was a "front" for the South African Government.

The Club of Ten promptly supplied the Foreign Office with the names of four of the chief contributors to the funds of The Club of Ten, all private individuals from three friendly countries. After investigating the activities of The Club of Ten, the authorities stated that there was "no evidence of irregularities or illegalities in the Club's activities." This was in accordance with a principle long established in Britain that both sides should have the right to be heard, a part of the basic democratic right of free speech.

Now The Club of Ten has invited the Press to meet a leading contributor to The Club of Ten who is in London on business and has handed over a cheque to the spokesman of The Club of Ten as a contribution to their forthcoming advertising campaign and the cost of publishing a quarterly magazine, The Phoenix, devoted to the exposure of the politically motivated double standards ploy.

Now that the dust has settled, we again invite The Guardian and its reporter to carry on the investigation into wages paid in the countries we have named. Otherwise we will have to conclude that The Guardian is more interested in South Africa baiting than in an impartial investigation of black wages and living standards.

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HOME NEWS

Commons committee calls for mandatory grants for needy over-16s who stay on at school

By Tim Devlin Education Correspondent Schoolchildren in need should be paid direct and in advance probably about £70 a year to cover some of the expenses of staying on voluntarily after the leaving age. The allowance would come from the local education authority.

The committee, said that in general the children most likely to benefit under his proposals would be those already entitled to free school meals and to some remission of meal charges. The committee began its inquiries last May because of criticism of the inadequacy of the maintenance allowances, the discrepancy in the amounts awarded by individual authorities, and the low rate of take-up by parents.

Mr Christopher Price, Labour MP for Lawisham, West, a member of the committee, said the law on whether needy teachers could exclude pupils for lack of effort in work was vague and that there had been no test case for slothfulness. But the committee felt that that was a necessary sanction to safeguard public funds spent on the allowances.



Mr Michael Harte working on a barrel. He is one of the traditional craftsmen who can be seen displaying their skills at the Welsh folk museum at St Fagans, Cardiff.

Bombs made too easily, expert tells seminar

In England last year there were two hundred serious bomb incidents. New York has 10,000 bomb scares a year. It is this situation that led to the seminar on what is said to have been the first international bomb security seminar in Britain. It was organized by E.P.A. International Security and Motorola Telecommunications.

Police 'had doubts on Red Lion Square march before it started'

The police had doubts about the march by the Liberation group to Red Lion Square before it took place, the Scarman tribunal was told in London yesterday. Mr John Gerrard, Deputy Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, said: "There was some doubt at the beginning whether the organizers of Liberation would control the marchers."

Rate rise of 70pc forecast in Croydon

By Our Local Government Correspondent Further evidence to the Government of the urgency with which the problem of rates should be tackled has come from the London borough of Croydon, which is forecasting an increase of 70 per cent next year. Alderman A. J. Dunn, leader of the council, told a special meeting of the council that unless the Government provided larger grants ratepayers could expect that level of increase as a national average, as well as in Croydon.

Local authorities in many parts of the country have already said that there will have to be a high rate increase next year. In London, Bromley has put its estimate at 53 per cent. In Merton, a 44 per cent supplementary rate has been imposed to alleviate the problems caused by inflation and wage settlements.

Croydon's deficit will be £4.5m by next March, about £3m more than an earlier forecast. The 70 per cent increase would put up the domestic rate from 36.5p to 62p, or about £80 a year on an average rate bill. That might rise even higher if clerical and manual pay awards being negotiated went above a budgeted 12.5 per cent, Mr Dunn said.

Mrs Foot cleared in driving case

Magistrates at Tredegar, Gwent, yesterday dismissed a summons alleging driving a car without due care and attention against Mrs Jill Foot, wife of the Secretary of State for Employment. They also found there was no case to answer on two other summonses alleging failing to stop and failing to report an accident within 24 hours.

Scots attack on shrinkage of the pound

Runaway inflation threatening the welfare of the Scottish people could be halted only by self-government, Mr Douglas Crawford, vice-chairman of the Scottish National Party, said in Glasgow yesterday. He was launching a party leaflet 'The Incredible Shrinking Pound', which forms the main theme of the party's campaign for the next election.

Increasing demand for new drug-dispensing system

From Arthur Osman Birmingham A mechanized drug-dispensing system, introduced by a Warwick hospital 14 months ago, is being used in 30 hospitals throughout Britain because of its security and efficiency, according to an interim report issued yesterday.

child health units, many of which supply expectant mothers with drugs that may be fatal to children. Hospital admissions of children under 16 thought to have taken medicinal poisons has doubled in the past 10 years, the figure varying between 15,000 and 16,000 a year with about 20 deaths in England and Wales.

Appointments Vacant also on page 12

Public and Educational Appointments. COUNTY OF NORTH YORKSHIRE. Askham Bryan College of Agriculture and Horticulture. Department of Farm Management. INVESTIGATION OFFICER. Applications are invited for the appointment of INVESTIGATION OFFICER as a result of the College shortly making over responsibility for the collection and analysis of Farm Management data in Yorkshire. The person to be appointed now will be a member of a NEW department responsible for all Farm Management work of the College.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS MURDOCH UNIVERSITY PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLORSHIP. The University proposes to appoint a Deputy Vice-Chancellor whose principal responsibility will be the planning, development and co-ordination of the academic programme and the support services. The terms and conditions of this appointment will be similar to those applying to such posts in other Australian universities. Persons who may be interested in such candidates for this position should send their curriculum vitae to the Vice-Chancellor, Murdoch University, Murdoch, Western Australia.

New Broadmoor rooms to have alarm systems

By Our Social Services Correspondent Alarm systems and lavatory facilities are to be included in single rooms at Broadmoor when new accommodation is provided, but it would be impracticable to modify the existing 400 single rooms. Dr Owen, Minister of State for Health and Social Services, told the National Council for Civil Liberties yesterday.

Bank robber who turned Queen's evidence 'will give jury a wealth of detail'

A wealth of detail about armed bank robberies in London and the Home Counties, including a £300,000 jewel haul in Hatton Garden, will be given to a jury at the Central Criminal Court by a robber who turned Queen's evidence to avoid prosecution. Mr John Mathew, for the prosecution, said yesterday.

Longford conference seeks one answer

By a Staff Reporter The "crisis conference" in London on Saturday should bring people much closer to an answer to Britain's crisis, Lord Longford, who is convening the conference, said yesterday. He was speaking before the start of a session called to clarify the issues that will be discussed.

Tory protest to Mr Callaghan over Rome poster

Mr Robert Ardley, Conservative MP for Christchurch and Lymington, protested yesterday to Mr Callaghan, Chairman of the Labour Party, about the poster that appeared at the Olympic stadium in Rome on Monday, the first day of the European Athletics Championships. The poster, which read "Britain will win with Labour" was picked up by BBC and ITV cameras covering the event, and was removed after complaints.

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# "Why I think three years as an Army Officer can equal three years at university."

"The graduate usually has intellectual capacity and development experience but has had little opportunity for responsibility or independent command.

The short service Officer has some considerable measure of intelligence and degree of leadership for he has been commissioned following a quite severe competitive selection procedure and he has also had the opportunity of some independent, if modest, command, usually in a foreign country. This experience invariably has a welcoming, broadening influence on outlook.

In an ideal world we would prefer our trainee to be both a graduate and to have had commissioned service experience but there simply is not time for this. Amongst our more able staff we have both those who join us from university and from the services and we have subscribed to the view that three years as an Army Officer can equal three years at a university for some time."

*Anthony T. ...*

Chairman, Barclays Bank Limited.

"In practical terms, the universities are our principal source and provide us with well trained minds who then need some time and training before they become fully effective in an industrial setting. The people whom we have recruited from the services, have the advantage of greater maturity and training in handling people and getting a good response from them. This is very important in our type of organisation.

There are therefore advantages in recruiting from both sources and we do not see the statement in the advertisement as exaggerated. The principal problem is attracting the right sort of person, from any source, to a career in industry sometimes because of the misconceptions that people have about it."

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Group Personnel Director, United Biscuits Ltd.

"Academic qualifications are by no means all that we look for in prospective managers. We take into account such qualities as breadth of interest, ambition, commonsense, intelligence, and these qualities are not confined to graduates, as I am sure you will agree.

There is a certain similarity between the job of the young Army Officer and that of the line manager in industry in that both are concerned with organising the activities of a group and getting the best out of them, sometimes in difficult circumstances. From this point of view, a man with three years' Army service is at least equal to, and sometimes more effective than, a man straight from university."

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Chairman, Ranks Hovis McDougall Ltd.

"We recruit some good graduates every year as well as some officers leaving the Services. So far as the latter are concerned I think I can do no better than repeat what I have just said in our own Gazette:-

"Young men who are thinking of taking short service commissions and who, after leaving the Army will be looking for good career opportunities, will be very welcome to come and talk to us, and we are happy to have the opportunity of saying so publicly now. In our opinion their service training, particularly in the fields of leadership and self-reliance, coupled with the experience and general knowledge acquired during their three years' service in various parts of the world, will often make them as valuable to us as they would have been had they themselves spent those three years at a university."

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Director of Personnel, The John Lewis Partnership.

"We have a substantial graduate intake each year, we also employ some young men who have completed short service commissions. It is true to say that some graduates progress further and faster and contribute more than some ex-Officers. The converse is also true.

It is also our experience that when he first joins us, a man from the Army is likely to have a greater degree of managerial skill to offset against the graduates' stronger academic background. He may therefore, be of more immediate use to us.

You will see from this that I don't believe there is a hard and fast rule, which is why the word "can" seemed completely appropriate to me."

*William ...*

Chairman, Ford Motor Company Ltd.

"In our business we need young men who not only have ideas of their own, but also are able to put them across within the firm to an audience that may be sceptical and unsympathetic. He has got to be able to work under pressure in not particularly good conditions and get on well with people of all ages in all walks of life. The fact that a boy has got through the Army's selection procedure, which includes highly sophisticated tests of initiative and leadership, as opposed to the almost wholly academic selection practised nowadays by universities, means he has a good chance of meeting our requirements after three years of the rough and tumble of a subaltern's life as opposed to three in the more cloistered world of a university."

*W. ...*

Senior Partner, Grieson, Grant and Co.

"We are not of course saying that three years as an Officer is the same as three years at a university, but that the experience obtained as an Officer often develops desirable qualities equal in value if different in nature from those developed by a degree course.

University graduates should (and usually do) have better trained analytical minds. Soldiers should (and usually do) have a greater readiness to carry out an allotted assignment, without thought for personal inconvenience, energetically and decisively. Both groups usually have a sense of responsibility to employees - lack of this quality, if it were detected, would prevent them getting a job with any leading firm - but they usually approach this from different angles. Members of either group may, with experience and application, acquire the attributes of the other.

In companies within my group for which I have had personal responsibility we have mixed graduates and ex-officers, together with 'home-grown' management from the office and shop floor and some late entrants with industrial experience elsewhere. I am convinced that a mix of this kind is beneficial to the enterprise and also to the managers, particularly in their formative years."

*John ...*

Group Chief Executive, Imperial Group Limited.

"Of course the immediate products of the two types of training are not the same in academic terms and some of our jobs require professional or academic qualifications.

On the other hand there are a number of jobs (such as my own) to which an academic background is not specifically relevant.

I have a high regard for the recruitment procedures of the Armed Services and I believe the Army contains a number of intelligent young men who have learned a lot about the theory and practice of managing people. They have also experienced a degree of physical hardship, or at least discomfort, and have had to take direct responsibility for other people almost from the start of their careers. To this extent they may find it easier to adjust to the rough and tumble of business life, which so often calls for common sense and adaptability rather than intellectual excellence, than a graduate with an honours degree in the arts."

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Chairman, British-American Tobacco Company Ltd.

The extracts you can read on this page are from letters in reply to an enquiry by Doctor A. R. Cane, the deputy editor of The Times Higher Education Supplement.

He subsequently published an article in which he concluded that leading businessmen do seem genuinely to value the management training given to a young man by a Short Service Commission.

And that most of them saw it at least as valuable to their companies as the academic training given at university.

(Although it's interesting to note that many agree with Mr C. E. A. Hambro that a perfect education would include both.)

Be that as it may, one thing is certain. A Short Service Commission will open a lot of doors leading to interviews and hopefully, to a sound business career.

It will also leave you fairly well off. As a Second Lieutenant you will start at £2,048 rising to £2,522 as a Lieutenant. On top of which you'll be eligible for a tax-free gratuity of £1,095 when you leave.

If you're between 17½ and 26 and you'd like to measure yourself against the Army Officer Selection Board, write to Major J. R. Drew, Dept. A38, Army Officer Entry, Lansdowne House, Berkeley Square, London W1X 6AA.

Tell him of your education standards, interests and any other experience you may have.

He'll send you all the appropriate literature including a copy of Doctor Cane's article.



## Army Officer

TRADES UNION CONGRESS

Any one can reject 'contract' but not the results of rejection, Mr Callaghan warns delegates

From Our Parliamentary Staff Brighton

It was possible to reject the social contract, but no one could contract out of the consequences of that rejection, Mr Callaghan, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs said in his speech to the congress of Brighton yesterday...

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party. "Both of us hammered it out." The social contract meant achieving nothing less than the social and economic reconstruction of the country.

The social contract, with its emphasis on economic reconstruction and social justice, was vitally important. The Government had fulfilled its pledges to restore to the trade union movement freedom of collective bargaining and to abolish statutory wage controls.

Why was the Labour Government able to swing into action within days of taking office and to act so effectively? The answer lay in the agreement reached by the liaison committee between the TUC, Labour's national executive and the Parliamentary Labour Party.

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Printing unions will form joint committee

By Our Labour Editor

The TUC is to set up a printing industry committee to bring together most printing unions and reduce demarcation disputes. Confidential moves to establish the organization will culminate in a meeting late this month.

The joint TUC body will be established with two preconditions: it will not diminish the printing unions' individual autonomy and, whatever its terms of reference, it will not stand in the way of Soga's amalgamation venture, which is proceeding steadily.

CBI stalls on role of workers in firms

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

The Confederation of British Industry is moving towards a policy of active indifference towards all forms of legally imposed worker-participation in industry, opening up a wide gulf between the employers' organization and the main political parties.

'Peers can undermine us', Mr Clive Jenkins says

From Our Staff Reporter

The House of Lords was bitterly criticized by Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, who was supporting a successful motion welcoming the repeal of the Industrial Relations Act.

Mr Clive Jenkins said the House of Lords was reforming, even a smashing Labour victory could be undermined.

Bailed building workers 'must not return to jail'

From Our Staff Reporter

A demand that building workers on bail pending appeal in the wake of the Shrewsbury picketing trial should not be returned to jail was made by Mr George Smith, general secretary of the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians.

Health equality demanded

From Our Staff Reporter

In every section of the health service there is a great sense of grievance because it was lagging behind every other service industry, Mrs Elsa Brookstone, National Union of Public Employees, said, successfully moving a composite motion demanding a larger proportion of the gross national product for the NHS and a far greater proportion for primary health care and preventive measures.

Mr E. Spanswick, secretary of the Confederation of Health Service Employees, said: "We are not going to give up what we have won in banning private practice in various hospitals and private consultations, or in doing away with agency staff, especially nurses."

More help sought for men at risk of occupational disease

From Our Staff Reporter

Employers must accept full responsibility for the environmental conditions in which their employees worked, Mr Michael McGabey, of the National Union of Mineworkers, told the congress.

Cheers for Canadian

From Our Staff Reporter

The fraternal delegate from the Canadian Labour Conference, Mr Stanley Little, was cheered when he said in his speech: "The impression conveyed is that if strikes could be eliminated most of the world's economic problems would vanish."

Compensation report

From Our Staff Reporter

A motion, moved by Sir Sidney Greave, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaysmen, was carried, pressing the Royal Commission on Civil Liability and Compensation for Personal Injury to present its report as soon as possible.

Charges for spectacles

From Our Staff Reporter

A motion declaring that the congress was deeply disturbed at the policy of charging for spectacles in accordance with the strength of the lens was carried.

Elections to the general council

From Our Staff Reporter

Elections to the TUC General Council, announced yesterday, are as follows: An asterisk indicates a re-elected member.

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Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, chatting yesterday at the Brighton congress, where he called for a big increase in retirement pensions.

We will fight until pensioners get justice, Mr Jones says

From Our Staff Reporter

A call for a big increase in retirement pensions, led by Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, was carried unanimously. Miners' representatives said they were ready for industrial action in the fight for bigger pensions.

Mr Jones said there must be a substantial, basic estate pension. The most important issue before the congress was that working men and women who had done their stint, had struggled to give workers a better living, should have decent treatment when they retired.

Mr Jones said that a quarterly automatic adjustment related to the cost of living was necessary, and pensions must also have a relationship to average earnings.

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BRITISH ASSOCIATION

Action needed to avoid shortages of fuel supplies, experts say

From Pearce Wright Science Correspondent

Shortages of coal, oil and uranium ore will occur simultaneously in Britain in the mid-1980s unless action is taken to get a correct balance between the supplies of these primary fuels. This picture came from analyses of the latest estimates of mineral resources and the world energy situation given to the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science by senior geologists and energy specialists.

Mr Armstrong said the decision to rely on coal and oil for most power requirements for the next 10 years would require at least seven more coal-fired or oil-fired power stations and another 35 million tons of coal, or the oil equivalent, a year for burning in the 1980s.

They examined the likely pressure on each of the major sources of energy and indicated where the discrepancies lay between the forecasts of supply and demand.

Mr G Armstrong, of the coal department of British Petroleum, formerly with the National Coal Board, said the British coal industry was not capable of a resurgence to meet the fuel crisis.

He thought the successful development of a completely new extraction technology would increase substantially the proportion of gross reserves that could be assessed as worth working.

Before the oil crisis the uranium mined in 1980 was estimated to be 60,000 tons. The most recent figure has increased to 65,000 tons, rising to between 115,000 and 127,000 tons in 1985, and more than 200,000 tons five years after that.

There were many uncertainties, but taking conservative figures of recoverable reserves he thought enough coal existed to meet the growth in demand well into the next century.

Dr Bowie suggested a number of new exploration methods and new processes for treating uranium ore, which needed urgent development if the forecast demands were to be met.

Mr Armstrong said that much of the worldwide activity in coal exploration was being done by oil companies. Initially worldwide expansion might be uncompetitive with other industries and it seemed inevitable that some form of selective rationing of resources would take place.

The extraction methods adopted recently to conserve reserves in the Middle East had increased the amount in that area to more than half the known world reserves.

Mr Eric Clarke, of the National Union of Mineworkers, said: "The miners who have been accused of selfishness by our Government are reminding the congress of its obligation to our elderly people. When I say elderly people I mean working-class elderly people—your fathers, grandfathers and the like."

Mr Warrman said there was now little chance of discovering another Middle East; but he believed that smaller discoveries in future would keep pace with demand. The case seemed clear for a sudden fall in supplies within the next 15 years.

Lack of funds blamed for cancer research delay

From Our Science Correspondent

The most promising line of research into the cause of cancer was being hamstrung by a shortage of money, Professor J. Paul, Director of the Beatson Institute for Cancer Research, Glasgow, told the British Association for the Advancement of Science yesterday.

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He said it was realistic to expect to unravel the cause of cancer within 10 years because of recent advances in molecular biology, many of which will be discussed at a working party meeting over the next few days.

The direct cost to the National Health Service of treating cancer patients was more than £70m. The overall cost to the economy, taking all factors into account, was £500m a year.

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That had been done in the past most effectively. Probably the two most successful interventions, in social terms, of the past 2,000 years had been vaccination and antibiotics.

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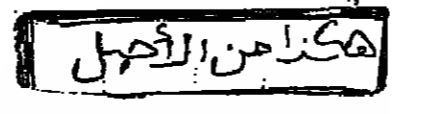
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WEST EUROPE

Giscard-Schmidt talks lighten gloom over European unity

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Sept 3. As one French commentator points out today, there is one small ray of sunshine lighting up the gloom in which European unity has been plunged for many months. It is the excellent relationship which exists between President Giscard d'Estaing and Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, which was demonstrated once again by their informal four and a half hour meeting in Paris last night.

West Germany must inevitably play an essential part in any initiative by the French President on European unity. But the Germans are not anxious to be cast either in the role of the bankers or the schoolmasters of Europe, as Herr Hans Apel, their Finance Minister, said recently.

That is why last night's talks were wrapped in the greatest discretion. Both sides wanted to avoid giving the other countries of the Community the remotest suspicion that they were about to be presented with anything resembling a Franco-German fait accompli on the proposals to be submitted to the European "summit" which M. Giscard d'Estaing intends to call before the end of the year.

The proposals are said to be a very intricate form in the President's mind. He appears to be thinking on two lines: a re-orientation of the much battered proposals for an economic and monetary union, and a tighter organization of political consultation with, as the ultimate goal in 1980, some sort of confederal organization of Europe.

On the first point, the West German Chancellor appears to have been somewhat sceptical. In the present stage of European monetary disorganization, with the economies of Italy and Britain threatened with collapse, one can even less realistically speak of European monetary union at the Copenhagen "summit" last year.

The floating of a European fund of some \$5,000m (£2,170m) to help member nations, suggested by the Commission last July, is no more attractive to the West German Government than it was two months ago. It prefers bilateral solutions with some guarantee of economic stringency by the recipient, as

Protests at planned French tax on firms

From Richard Wigg Paris, Sept 3

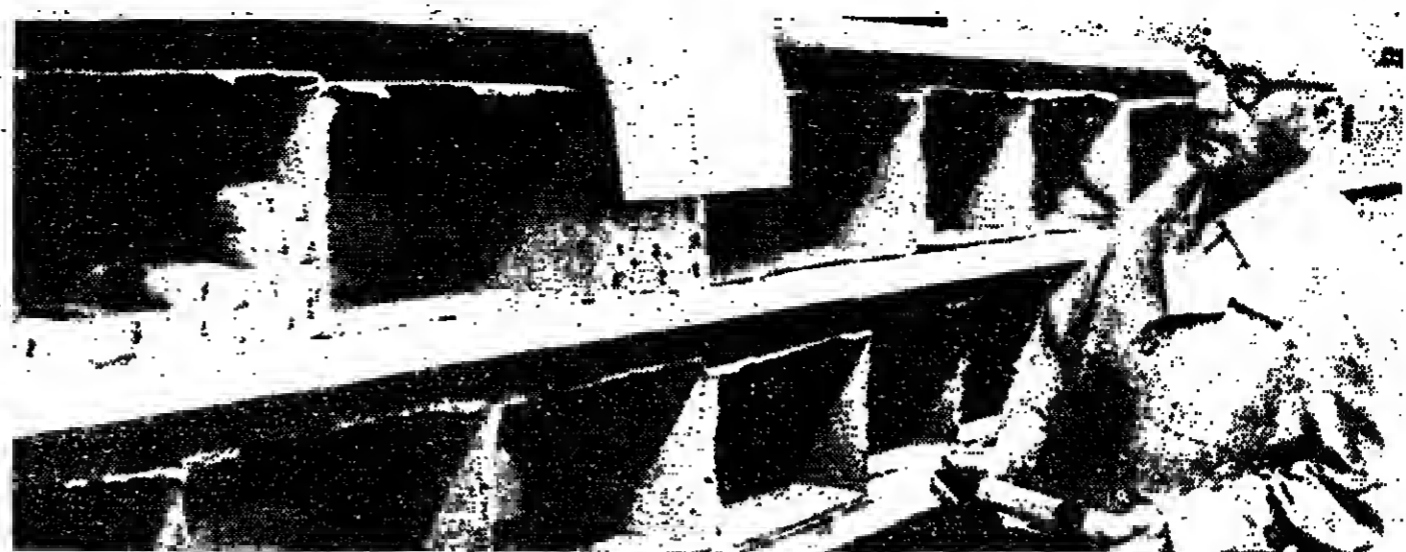
The Patronat, the national employers' federation, today came out strongly against a new anti-inflation tax on companies' turnover, planned by the Government as an important part of its economic programme to curb pay increases.

The new tax threatened growing state intervention, the federation warned its 100,000 members, and upped them at a grave disadvantage to their competitors in the European Community.

Talks between the Patronat and the main trade union organizations began also today on the key issue in the present uncertain economic climate, that of measures to ensure security of jobs and guaranteed retraining in the event of collective dismissals.

The anti-inflation tax has been devised by one of President Giscard d'Estaing's chief economic advisers. It has an ingenious mechanism which theoretically separates that part of a firm's increased turnover which is due to higher productivity from its inflationary aspect.

Firms would be subject to detailed periodic study by the tax authorities, the Patronat said. Multinational companies working in France would be able to get round the new tax, the Patronat said, to the detriment of the smaller French concerns.



A customer in a Rome supermarket looks at a notice above nearly empty shelves limiting him to five kilos (11lb) of spaghetti. Italy is suffering from a spaghetti shortage caused by panic buying in advance of big price increases.

Three killed as police foil Paris bank raid

From Our Correspondent Paris, Sept 3

A policeman and two bank robbers were killed in a shootout when police foiled a robbery in a bank in the Pigalle area of Paris today.

Two other people were wounded and a third bank robber was arrested, police said. Some money was recovered.

Police rushed to the scene when a bank clerk pressed an alarm signal and the three gangsters met them with a hail of bullets. Four people were injured, including a police sergeant.

Neo-fascists questioned over bomb

From Our Correspondent Rome, Sept 3

The secretary and president of the neo-fascist Italian Social Movement, Signor Giorgio Almirante and Signor Alfredo Covelli, were questioned here today by the Bologna public prosecutor in connection with the bomb attack on the Rome-Munich express on August 4 in which 12 people died.

The two neo-fascist leaders have been regarded as witnesses since, immediately after the explosion Signor Almirante publicly disclosed that two weeks earlier they had tipped off the Interior Ministry's anti-terrorist office that left-wingers

were planning to blow up an express train.

The source of their information was identified as Signor Francesco Sgro, a Rome University employee who named a left-wing lecturer, Signor Davide Aio, and two other people as alleged co-conspirators.

Later he retracted the story and said that it had been a right-wing plot. He claimed that a prominent neo-fascist party member, Dr Aldo Basile, a lawyer, had paid him 1m lire (about £500) to tell investigators the "left-wing" story.

Signor Sgro, Dr Basile and his partner, Dr Francesco Sebastianelli, are now all in

jail charged with libelling Signor Aio.

The public prosecutor, Dr Ottavio Lo Cigno, is expected to try and clarify the exact relationship between Signor Sgro, Dr Basile and Signor Almirante after the allegation by the lawyer for Signor Aio yesterday that Signor Sgro had the party secretary's secret directory telephone number in his notebook.

Until now investigators had been given to understand that Signor Sgro and Signor Almirante were complete strangers and that Dr Basile simply passed on the information to Signor Almirante.

Warning to Bonn on its ties with W Berlin

Moscow, Sept 3.—Pravda warned the West today, on the third anniversary of the four-power Berlin agreement, that any actions which violate the letter or spirit of the pact "will not remain without consequences".

A leading article in the Soviet Communist Party newspaper supported the agreement as an important factor in the maintenance of European peace; but it renewed complaints that the West German Government's recent decision to establish a federal environmental protection agency in West Berlin was contrary to the intent of the pact.

The newspaper said that West Berlin ties with Bonn were "permissible so long as they do not run counter to the agreement's pivotal provision that the city does not belong to the Federal Republic of Germany. Any illegal or unilateral actions running counter to the letter and spirit of the four-power agreement cannot and will not remain without consequences".

Last month East Germany began harassing West German officials travelling to work at the new environmental agency.—UPI. Our Washington Correspondent writes: An East German delegation arrived here last night to complete arrangements for the formal establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. The agreement will be signed in the State Department tomorrow.

"I FLY TWA BECAUSE THEY ONCE GAVE ME THE IMPOSSIBLE"

Richard George is a Director of Weetabix Ltd.

He's played a major rôle in his company's recent Queen's Award to Industry, chiefly for the export of their Alpen cereal to the United States—which, as he says, "must be the 1974 version of selling fridges to Eskimos."

Naturally, he often flies to the USA. One of the reasons he flies TWA is the way our in-flight 747 Director of Customer Services once delivered what he considered impossible.

"I was flying to Los Angeles," Richard George says, "and my schedule had just been changed."

"The TWA Director of Customer Services made an announcement about all the wonderful things he could do for us during the flight.

"So I called him over, and told him all the different West Coast places I needed to be in during the next fortnight.

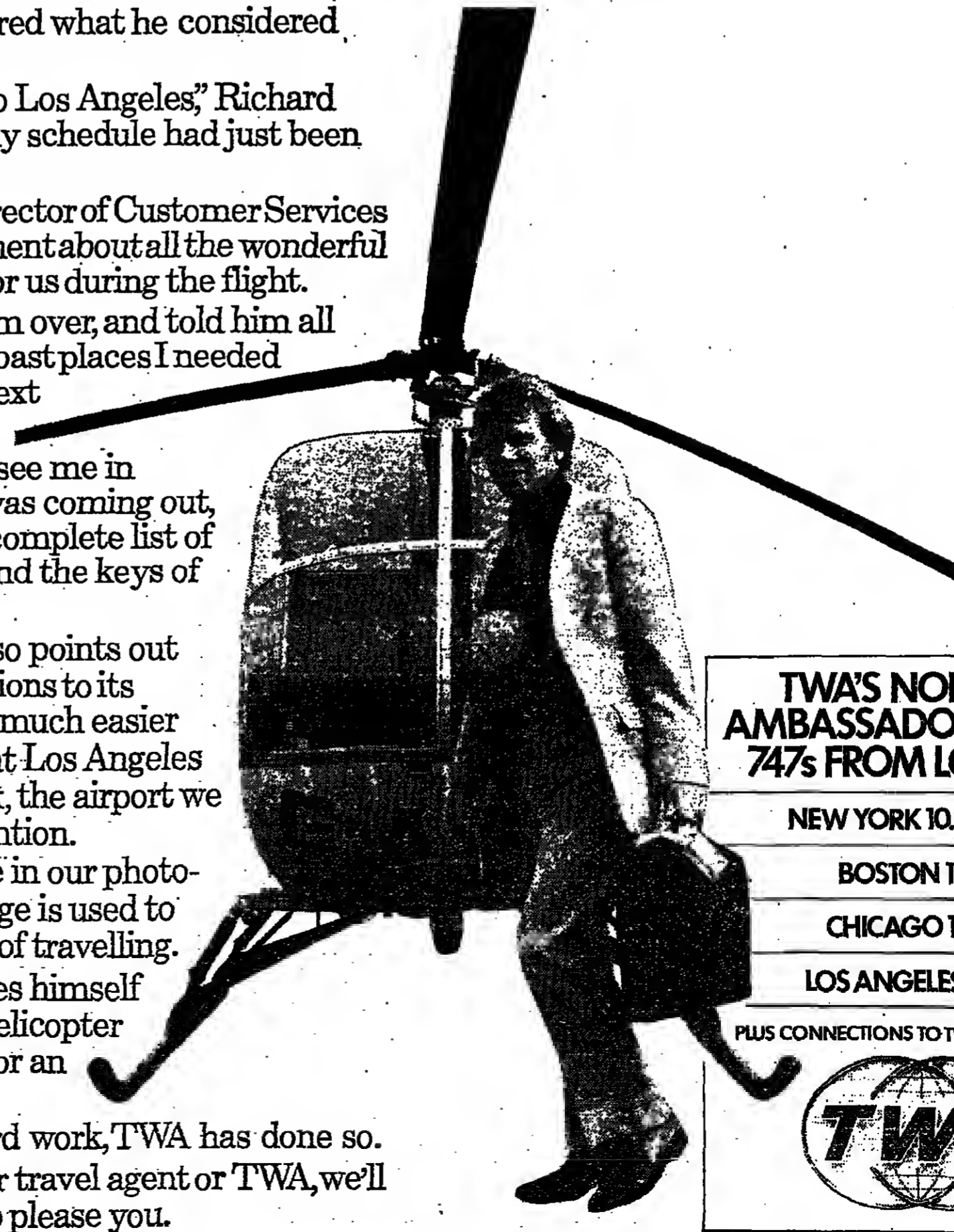
"He said he'd see me in Customs. And as I was coming out, he saw me—with a complete list of hotel reservations, and the keys of my rental car."

Mr. George also points out that TWA's connections to its domestic flights are much easier than other airlines' at Los Angeles as well as New York, the airport we most frequently mention.

As you can see in our photograph, Richard George is used to sophisticated forms of travelling.

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Religious groups sound warning on torture

Louvain, Sept. 3.—The second world conference on religion and peace today approved a report condemning torture and the violation of human rights, despite bitter divisions in the drafting committee earlier this week.

The conference avoided naming some specific cases brought up in heated discussion in committee, such as the Soviet Union and Northern Ireland.

But the report declared: "The gap between the ideals professed by governments and the realization of these ideals has widened."

In the final draft South Korea was the only country that came in for specific attack from the conference, which brought together delegates from more than 50 countries, including Eastern Europe, representing more than 30 religious groupings.

The Report emphasized the need to implement basic human rights and said that religious organizations could play a rôle of prime importance. "Unfortunately, religious leaders have not always been active in the defence of human rights and fundamental freedoms," it said.

Moving the adoption of the report on the final day of the week-long conference, Judge Margaret Newwood, of the United States, said that the situation was worsening and involved physical and psychological torture and sexual abuses of all kinds.

This conference particularly condemns the torture of detainees, an act which has been described as the ultimate human degradation," she said. "It calls on all religious organizations to lend their weight and authority to the campaign to root out this evil, an evil which extends right across the world from Chile to Korea."

Doctor cleared over radio 'ethanasia' hint

From Our Correspondent Copenhagen, Sept 3. Professor Bjørn Bogen, the Danish physician who hinted in a radio broadcast last month that he had helped incurably ill patients "to find peace", has cleared himself in a report to the health authorities.

Mr. Soeren Soerensen, the head of the state medical board has ended all investigations of Dr Bogen's conduct. He said that the report had shown that Dr Bogen had not deliberately ended the life of patients.

Doctors pronounced him "clinically cured" on Sunday, and on Monday night the Information Ministry released the texts of letters from Señor Carlos Arias, the Prime Min-

British football supporters again remanded

Bruges, Sept 3.—Six young supporters of the Manchester United football team, who have been accused of acts of violence in Ostend, were today remanded in custody in Bruges to stand trial either on Friday or Monday, court sources said.

The six were detained on August 3 during incidents before a friendly football match between Manchester United and Ostend.

They appeared briefly before Bruges magistrates today to be informed that the day of their trial depended on the court's calendar, the sources said.

General Franco's return brings a mixed reaction

Madrid, Sept 3.—Spaniards gave a mixed reception today to the announcement that General Franco has taken back the powers which he delegated to Prince Juan Carlos because of illness.

Reactions ranged from exuberant praise in the Government-controlled media to warnings from political liberals that the somewhat unexamined move would increase political tension.

The independent Barcelona newspaper Vanguardia said General Franco's comeback should give new impetus to the Government to solve "delicate" tasks and prepare a more democratic future.

He took back his powers as chief of state and commander of the armed forces six weeks after he had delegated them to Prince Juan Carlos, his designated successor and future king. He was in hospital for three weeks in July for treatment of a circulatory ailment and gastric complications. Doctors pronounced him "clinically cured" on Sunday, and on Monday night the Information Ministry released the texts of letters from Señor Carlos Arias, the Prime Min-

ster, to the 36-year-old prince and to parliament informing them of the decision.

"Now that normalcy is re-established and the man who has governed us for 35 years has taken back his responsibilities, there is one potent motive more for the Government to tackle actively and rapidly the complex and delicate tasks ahead," Vanguardia said. "It must solidify a future which is more harmonic, more satisfactory to all, and more democratic."

The state-controlled television network called General Franco's return a "guarantee of stability and continuity". The Government newspaper Arriba said the general, "in the happy moment of his recovery, has been able to feel the closeness of the whole (Spanish) people".

But many liberals inside and outside the regime felt uneasy about his return. They feared that it will cause a slowing down of a programme of political liberalization recently presented by Señor Arias. The programme had been gaining momentum because many believed General Franco's reign was over.—UPI.

OVERSEAS

Israel court is told archbishop used his church status to smuggle arms over border

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv, Sept 3 Archbishop Hilarion Capucci, aged 49, the Greek Catholic Patriarchal Vicar of Jerusalem who was detained last month on suspicion of gunrunning for Al Fatah, was indicted in the district court in Jerusalem today on three counts. He is liable to 18 years' imprisonment if found guilty on a charge of contact with foreign agents. He is also charged with carrying and possessing arms illegally and with performing services for an unlawful association. Each of these is punishable by 10 years' imprisonment. The foreign agents allegedly contacted were Mr Abu Jihad, the head of "Black September" and of the military arm of Al Fatah, and Mr Abu Firas, described as one of the senior officers directing Al Fatah operations in Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem. The archbishop was said to have met the Al Fatah leaders in the home of a relative to Beirut and to have agreed to transfer arms and sabotage materials from Beirut to Jerusalem. His status in the church enabled him to cross the border freely without security checks, it was stated. The indictment mentions three cases of smuggling weapons. In April he was said to have brought three suitcases containing dozens of demolition blocks; clocks with detonators, grenades, sub-machine guns and three rockets with their launchers. The charge sheet said the materials reached their destination and were used for sabotage activities in Jerusalem. Details were not given but the list of prosecution witnesses includes Muhammad Zaki and Zuhayr el Malabi, three brothers arrested on charges of setting up three Katyusha rockets aimed at the Jewish sector of Jerusalem in May 1973 and of killing a taxi driver and stuffing his body in a car filled with a large quantity of explosives in a busy street in Jerusalem. The brothers are awaiting trial. According to the charges, the archbishop asked the headmaster of the Ezeres school, Beit Hanina, to get everybody, including the watchman, out of the building on the evening of May 7. At 7.30 pm, the archbishop left the arms consignment in the toilet. He returned at 10 pm and found they had been removed. This was in accordance with a plan arranged by Mr Firas, the archbishop, who was said to have crossed with another suitcase containing detonators and activating devices. He kept these at his residence and later at the patriarchate until August 1, when he surrendered them to his police interrogators, it was stated. In July he showed signs of nervousness and told the Al Fatah leaders that it was risky bringing arms in suitcases

across the border. Accordingly, Mr Firas borrowed his Mercedes and concealed weapons in the doors, under the mudguards, under the back seat and in the tan case below the windscreen wipers. The consignment included rifles with magazines, various kinds of explosives and detonators, grenades and ammunition. He crossed the border on July 25 and reached Jerusalem where he waited for a liaison there from Al Fatah to take delivery as arranged with Mr Firas. On August 8 while he was driving his Mercedes in Jerusalem he was stopped by Israel security forces who searched the car and found the arms. The archbishop was remanded on August 18 for 15 days. His detention was extended this week for another 12 days. After his indictment today, he will be brought in the district court tomorrow and the state will request an extension of his detention until the trial. The Greek Catholic recognize the authority of the Pope but they follow the Byzantine rite and their liturgical language is Arabic. The seat of the Church is Damascus but there is a large diaspora in Europe and America. The Church has some 30,000 followers in Galilee under Archbishop Joseph Raya and some 4,000 in southern Israel including Jerusalem under the leadership of Archbishop Capucci.



Professor Papandreou announcing the formation of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement at a press conference in Athens.

New socialist movement launched in Greece

From Mario Modiano Athens, Sept 3 Professor Andreas Papandreou, the son of a former prime minister, announced today the formation of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement, a political grouping, he said, which aspired to rid Greece of foreign patronage as well as the stranglehold of the domestic economic oligarchy. He said his new party supported the abolition of the monarchy and non-alignment in foreign affairs. He is likely to be the main political opponent of Mr Constantine Karamanlis, the Prime Minister, in the general elections which are expected this year. Professor Papandreou, aged 55, an American-trained economist who returned recently to Greece after spending seven years abroad, outlined his objectives at a press conference in Athens. He implied that he would not welcome general elections before the state machinery had been thoroughly purged of junta-appointed elements. Mr Karamanlis has indicated that his Government proposes to hold elections shortly. Professor Papandreou said he had nothing against Mr Karamanlis personally, but the power structure which kept him in office "is the same that upheld the junta responsible for the tragedy of Cyprus, the seven years of oppression in Crete, and the slaughter at the Polytechnic." He added: "We cannot trust them."

Asked whether a purge was a condition for elections or elections would pave the way for a purge, he said: "The prerequisite for elections is a purge of the state machinery. It is a fallacy to believe that there can be a freely elected government if the state machinery stays as it is." The new movement's short-term objectives included punishment for those responsible for the dictatorship, the leaders and the torturers, a purge of their supporters and collaborators from the Government and reinstatement of the victims of military rule, as well as the repatriation of refugees from the Greek civil war, now living in eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. "I hope and trust the Soviet Union and the former term, the Panhellenic Socialist Movement would strive for national independence, popular sovereignty, social deliverance, and democratic procedures." Professor Papandreou was warmly applauded by an audience which included personalities who distinguished themselves in opposition to the dictatorial regime. Former deputies of his father's Centre Union party were present as was Lady Fleming, the widow of the discoverer of penicillin. In a 12-point declaration of aims and principles, he outlined his vision of a "socialist Greek republic which would furnish foolproof safeguards against another violation of the people's will. The declaration proposed the "socialization" of monastery wealth, banks, basic industries and commerce. "All international treaties and agreements which led Greece to economic, political and military dependence on the monopolistic blocks of the West, and particularly American imperialism, are to be abrogated". Professor Papandreou said. It was planned to introduce a system of farm cooperatives as well as self-management in productive units in the context of broad geographical decentralization. The object would be the equalization of income. The party proposed a national plan for health, education, and pensions, with the abolition of privately owned schools and clinics. Professor Papandreou endorsed the government's withdrawal from the military structure of Nato but he said this was not enough. "Links with the political side of Nato must be severed and we should just as American bases which covered our country like a nuclear target without affording us any protection."

Athens, Sept 3—Mrs Helen Vlachs announced today that she would resume publication of her morning newspaper *Kathimerini* on September 15. Mrs Vlachs shut down *Kathimerini* in an afternoon paper rather than submit to censorshipship which the Army seized power in 1967. She said the request submitted by the Chief Minister for the resignation of the newspaper was "not constitutionally valid". Miss Kuntari argued that the chief minister and the Indian-annexed Chief Executive, who has the final decision in all policy matters, had submitted the request—based on a resolution passed by the Sikkim Assembly at the end of August—without seeking the consent of the Indian Parliament was "not constitutionally valid". This, however, seems little more than a procedural quibble. Under the Government of Sikkim Act, to which he gave his assent in July, the Chogyal is reduced to a purely ceremonial figurehead. He is required only to give formal approval to measures decided upon by the Sikkim Assembly or the Chief Executive.



The Very Reverend Timothy LeVitin-Krasnov: a diplomat in a sensitive post.

Dissident religious writer free to leave Russia

Moscow, Sept 3—Mr Anatoli Levitin-Krasnov, a leading dissident religious writer, has received permission to emigrate from the Soviet Union, his friends said today. They said that the writer, who is 58 and a prominent campaigner for human rights, yesterday collected an exit visa formally made out for emigration on Thursday week. Mr Levitin-Krasnov is an Orthodox Christian. He has spent a total of about 10 years in prison in connection with his writings. The friends did not say why he was heading for Israel. He has never been associated with the Jewish movement in the Soviet Union.

In March Mr Levitin-Krasnov was refused permission to leave for the United States at the invitation of the Russian Orthodox Metropolitan of San Francisco. A large number of books and articles—most of them published only in the West—Mr Levitin-Krasnov has attacked the Soviet attitude to religious belief and criticized the contemporary role of the Russian Orthodox Church in the Soviet Union. He was imprisoned in a labour camp from 1949 to 1956, and though later rehabilitated was deprived in 1958 of the right to teach in schools. Arrested again in 1969, he spent a year in jail without coming to trial and was again released. But investigations continued, and in May, 1974, he was jailed for three years on charges including violations of the laws on the separation of church and state. He was released early last year.

New Bishop of Johannesburg wins approval

Johannesburg, Sept 3—The Very Reverend Timothy Bavin has been elected Bishop of Johannesburg, one of the most sensitive Anglican posts in South Africa. He was chosen by a Diocesan assembly last night to succeed the Right Reverend Leslie Stradling, who retired recently. The British-born Bishop-elect came to Johannesburg in February, 1972, to succeed the Very Reverend Gonville French-Beytagh as Dean of St Mary's Cathedral. Mr French-Beytagh left South Africa after being acquitted by the Appellate Court of charges under the Republic's wide-ranging Terrorism Act. Mr Bavin, who adopted a less outspoken stance than his predecessor at St Mary's, is regarded as a diplomat who will try to avoid antagonising the Government at a time of strained church-state relations. Educated at Rugby and Oxford, he was appointed Curate at St Alban's Cathedral in Pretoria in 1961. He returned to England in 1969 and became a parish priest in Brighton before his appointment to St Mary's.—Reuter.

Philippines bishops urge end of martial law

Manila, Sept 3—The Philippines Roman Catholic Church today called on President Marcos to lift martial law, restore civil rights and "end the climate of fear and terror." Eighty-one bishops of the oldest and most powerful church in the country asked for this in a letter handed to President Marcos during a meeting at the Presidential palace. Last week soldiers raided a suburban Roman Catholic monastery and arrested a priest and 20 other people as alleged subversives. A Church spokesman said the letter was actually drafted by the bishops during the semi-annual meeting held last July by the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines which represents the Church hierarchy. In their letter, the bishops urged that "bold steps be taken gradually to lift martial law and many of the restrictions on freedom brought about by martial law."

The bishops admitted that there had been improvements in the Philippines economy and in the law and order situation under martial law. But they pointed out the "dimensions of an evil, perhaps unintended but certainly flowing from the logic of martial law." This was "the climate of fear which has gradually crept into every sector of our society." Under martial law workers dared not organize themselves into free unions or press for higher wages and better working conditions. The bishops expressed fear that this "climate of fear" had invaded even the schools and universities.—Agence France-Press.

Outcry in Japan over leak on board nuclear ship

From Peter Hazlehurst Tokyo, Sept 3 Japan's long-range plans to build a nuclear-powered merchant fleet suffered a serious setback today when civil leaders and fishermen throughout the country declared that a prototype vessel, the 8,24-ton *Mutsu*, would be prevented from entering its home port or other Japanese harbours after it returns from an ill-fated test voyage in the Pacific this week. The initial test of Japan's first nuclear ship was abruptly terminated during the weekend after a leak of radioactivity was detected when its reactor was fired for the first time last week. The report has come as a traumatic shock to a nation which still lives with the vivid memory of Hiroshima. The *Mutsu* was launched in

US-China links discussed in Peking talks

Peking, Sept 3—A group of seven American congressmen headed by Senator Fulbright, today had talks lasting 90 minutes with Mr Chiao Kuan-hua, the Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister. An American source said that the "almost exclusively" concerned American-Chinese relations and allowed an "introduction into some of the problems". At the request of the congressmen, the content of the meeting will not be divulged. Mr Chiao has proposed a further meeting tomorrow. Senator Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, presented "greetings from President Ford", but apparently there was no mention of a message to the Chinese leaders from the President himself.—Agence France-Press.

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Mr Merero's arrest came after several demonstrations by supporters of the Swapo independence movement and a ship rioting last year. He was held in custody for five months until his release on bail in July. Mr Soggo said Mr Merero would allege he was threatened with dire language, deprived of sleep and food, slapped repeatedly and forced to stand during interrogation. Captain Griebouw said, under cross-examination, that he was not sure if he had pointed out the rebel spirit shown by Mr Mao since childhood is hardly in sympathy with the Confucian ideal of harking back to the past.—Reuter.

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Ethiopia ex-governor killed in gun battle

Addis Ababa, Sept 3—Mr Tsebay Enqo Selsassie, the former governor of Kefa province and a staunch supporter of Emperor Haile Selassie who had been bidding in the countryside for two months, has been killed and his brother captured, it was announced today. An armed forces committee announcement broadcast on Ethiopia radio, said the former governor and "symbol of the ruling class" was killed in an exchange of fire with a contingent of the territorial army at a place in Selale district north of Addis Ababa. The exchange of fire followed the refusal of Mr Tsebay to surrender when the contingent contacted him at a private house early yesterday. His brother,

authorization, it put out a communique today saying it appreciated the support shown by the people for the objectives of its "quiet revolution". The Amharic language press announced that the country's highly politicized student body will be mobilized for a mass education programme in the countryside under a national education and self-help programme. The students will take part in a mass literacy campaign, part of a programme which also includes training in basic agricultural techniques, health, and cooperative ventures to improve the lot of the country's more than 20 million peasants, the press reports.—Agence France-Press.

SW Africa trials hears jail torture allegations

From Michael Knipe Cape Town, Sept 3 Allegations of torture were made today when Mr David Merero, chairman of the South-West Africa People's Organization, was brought to trial in Windhoek, on charges of being in possession of banned literature. Captain Jan Griebouw, a security police officer, said in evidence that five copies of an African communist magazine were found in Mr Merero's home and shop were searched in February. Cross examining Captain Griebouw, defence counsel, Mr David Soggo, said Mr Merero would say to evidence that during interrogation by the South African police, his hands were tied behind his back and he was suspended from a rail with a rope. Captain Griebouw said he knew nothing of such things. He also denied he had told Mr Merero that he would be flown to the Caprivi region in a helicopter and thrown to the crocodiles. Because of South-West Africa's status as a mandated territory, diplomatic observers from the United States, Britain, West Germany and Australia were present to the regional court as the trial began. Mr Merero's arrest came after several demonstrations by supporters of the Swapo independence movement and a ship rioting last year. He was held in custody for five months until his release on bail in July. Mr Soggo said Mr Merero would allege he was threatened with dire language, deprived of sleep and food, slapped repeatedly and forced to stand during interrogation. Captain Griebouw said, under cross-examination, that he was not sure if he had pointed out the rebel spirit shown by Mr Mao since childhood is hardly in sympathy with the Confucian ideal of harking back to the past.—Reuter.

More voices call on President Banzer to bring back constitutional rule sooner than he plans Bolivia's civilian leaders turn on the heat

From Stuart Stirling Buenos Aires, Sept 3 The recent upsurge of criticism from Bolivia's civilian leaders over President Hugo Banzer's proposed date of October, 1975, for the country's return to constitutional government, precipitated a Cabinet crisis last Friday which led to General Banzer's offer to resign from the Presidency. However, his decision later that day to stay in office—at the insistence of the commanders of the armed forces has left the civilian-military coalition Government more dependent than ever on the support of the conservative military hierarchy. General Banzer has gradually isolated from effective power the two political parties within his Government, the National Revolutionary Movement (MNR) and the Falange. Both parties are at present represented in government by sectarian leaders, who are themselves at odds with the two heads of their respective movements. They are former President Victor Paz Estenssoro of the MNR and Señor Mario Gutiérrez of the Falange. Dr Paz Estenssoro is at present in exile in Peru and Señor Gutiérrez recently lost his post as foreign minister. The Falange and the MNR in alliance with right-wing elements of the armed forces brought General Banzer to power in 1971 in a revolution which overthrew the leftist Government of General Juan José Torres. Last week, Señor Gutiérrez called for an amnesty for all and urged the President to bring forward the date for elections. Señor Gutiérrez was recently nominated by his party as a candidate for the forthcoming elections, replacing General Banzer on the Falange ticket. On Thursday, Señor Ciro Huicho, deputy leader of the MNR, made a clandestine appearance in La Paz from exile and held a press conference during which he reiterated a demand for early elections and amnesty for the country's

opposition parties. A warrant for his arrest has been issued by the Government. Yet another political element which in the long run may prove a far greater threat to General Banzer than the civilian opposition parties, are the nationally-minded group of young officers, who were responsible for an abortive coup last June. This sector of the armed forces are at present licking their wounds in guarded silence from the sidelines of power. One of their leaders, Colonel Gary Prado Salomon, is in military prison and other rebels have been demoted. The young officers are believed to favour a more centralist political system and the setting up of a junta which would pave the way for immediate elections. However, in a country which has witnessed more government than it has marked up years as a republic, General Banzer is still hanging on to the reins of power in the wake of crisis and coups which his Interior Minister has termed as "communist inspired".

Second thoughts on Mr Mao

Peking, Sept 3—The writings of Chairman Mao Tse-Tung may soon undergo some small but significant changes. A document circulating in the diplomatic community and purporting to be issued by the Chinese Communist Party's Central Committee, says that certain references to Confucius, the target of a national campaign of criticism, will be deleted. Mao's works are sprinkled with quotes from and references to the ancient sage, although several Western scholars have pointed out the rebel spirit shown by Mr Mao since childhood is hardly in sympathy with the Confucian ideal of harking back to the past.—Reuter.

Rodent threat to Kenya birds

Nairobi, Sept 3—Naturalists are worried about a possible owl danger to bird life in Kenya's lake Naivasha. It is the coryu, a Latin American rodent imported in the 1950s in an attempt to establish a fur farm. When the attempt failed, they were released and eventually found their way to the lake, in the Great Rift valley about 50 miles from Nairobi.—Reuter.

Locust threat to S Australia

Adelaide, Sept 3—The South Australian Government today asked for army help to prevent a locust plague in the state threatening millions of acres of ripening cereal crops and pastures. Mr Casey, the Minister of Agriculture, said that chemicals worth at least \$A250,000 (about £156,000) would be sprayed on locust breeding grounds.

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Athletics

Return of a true Russian racer

From Neil Allen Athletics Correspondent
The rest and blond head of Russia's Olympic sprint champion, Valery Borzov, dipped first at the top of the 100 metres here today to retain his European 100 metres title...



Gold medal and world record with one throw by Ruth Fuchs, winning the javelin event in Rome.

Alen Pascoe shrugged off the mental shadows of his recent injury as he qualified for the 400 metres hurdles final today, but the most impressive of all Britain's efforts in action was young Overt as he won his semi-final round of the 800 metres in 1:47.57...

Cricket

Worcestershire are champions as the gods deny Hampshire

By John Woodcock
Worcestershire became the new county champions just before three o'clock yesterday afternoon when they beat Hampshire by 100 runs...

English weather does nothing for England

By Alan Gibson
BIRMINGHAM, Pakistan beat England by eight wickets. Play began yesterday at 11.30, three-quarters of an hour late, it was decided to limit the match to 25 overs each side...

Results from the European championships

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Table showing cricket match statistics for the County Championship, including batting and bowling figures.

Modern pentathlon

British junior beats best senior score

Moscow, Sept 3. — Pavel Lednyov of the Soviet Union, was today in the lead in the modern pentathlon championships here...

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New Welsh manager on trial for the first time

From Geoffrey Green Football Correspondent, Vienna, Sept 3
Wales are here in the sunshine outside the woods of this age-old city of the blue Danube and the wait...

Football bodies meet to thrash out problems

Football's problems will be thrashed out at a meeting of the Football Association's committee of study in London tomorrow...

Today's football

Table listing today's football matches, including European championship, Scottish League Cup play-off, and other fixtures.

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Replacements in county and knockout matches

The Rugby Football Union has decided that replacements will be allowed this season in county championship matches and in the national knockout competition...

Difficult season for leading French players

Paris, Sept 3.—French international Rugby Union players face one of their toughest seasons for years this coming winter...

Motor cycling

Douglas, Max, Grand Prix racer, has won the 1000cc class at the 1974 Isle of Man TT...

When the kings of Spain had their sideburns singed on the football fields of Europe

Madrid, Sept 3.—When the Spanish football season kicks off on Sunday there will be a lot more at stake than the league championship...





# Battered wives: why they are the born victims of domestic violence

Wife battering is an emotive topic which has recently received considerable publicity. A memorandum from the National Association of Probation Officers to the Home Office, reported in *The Times* recently, said: "As at present the real extent of the problem is concealed". Among the first 300 deprived families referred to our domiciliary family planning service, 89 wives were seen by a member of the team to bear the marks of domestic violence. It is extremely difficult to know how to deal with this problem and there is no doubt that there is to a certain extent a cultural acceptance of wife beating, and the women sometimes retaliate. In the families known to us in our work in domiciliary family planning, is associated with chronic unemployment, drinking and gross social deprivation. Mrs G is the most recent example.

She telephoned me in a hoarse whisper. Her husband was out in the front with a neighbour where she could keep her eyes on him and she would talk. He had battered her with a poker, and threatened to repeat it if she told anyone. I encouraged her to go to her doctor whose surgery was about a quarter of a mile down the road. "I don't see how I can do that," he said, "and I don't want all the neighbourhood to know. Anyway my leg's too sore to walk on". I telephoned her doctor. "Walk, she'll have to walk on it. Tell her to come down to the surgery". I explained why Mrs G was unable to do so. "Well, there's nothing I can do about it, there's that?" The next day I visited Mrs G, while her husband was collecting his social security money for the five times 52nd time. She had more than 30 very large bruises on her arms, legs and trunk, the most severe being a six inch welt across her abdomen, which had broken the skin, and an enormous swelling behind her left knee. In addition, she had a badly swollen eye and cut lip. She had been trying to fix the curtains which were threaded on a bit of string, when they had fallen down. This provoked her husband's wrath. He had some drink in him but was not really drunk by local standards. He picked up the poker and gave his wife a terrible swipe across the back of the leg as she was standing on the chair. She then tried to leave and was beaten about the face and body while her husband prevented her reaching the door. He eventually desisted through sheer exhaustion.

Her husband has been at a rehabilitation centre but still cannot find work. He is probably unemployed after five years and his alcohol consumption makes him unreliable in more ways than one. It was significant that these two most recent assaults had both occurred since the school holidays started. The family formerly lived in a derelict room and kitchen in a condemned tenement, and have now been rehoused in a pleasant maisonette which even has a small piece of garden at the front. Unfortunately for Mrs G, her neighbours have also changed. When her husband started hearing her before, the police were

always on the spot pretty quickly and prevented his worst excesses. He never discovered that it was the widow in the flat underneath who always set her daughter for the police as soon as she heard the sounds of strife. Now Mrs G's neighbour on one side does not want to know a family with eight children and an unemployed husband. On the other side, the couple are themselves fond of a dram in the local bar and their discretion in their cups cannot be relied upon, so Mrs G cannot ask any favours in case it is reported to her husband.

The children are terrified when their father becomes violent and huddles in one of the bedrooms until he is safely "out" in one way or another. It is impossible for them to grow up normally among so much fear. Their mother is more concerned about this effect on her children than she is about her own physical distress. Very few of the husbands had been prosecuted and, if they were, it frequently made the situation worse. Another woman, Mrs B, very much regretted that her 12-year-old daughter had slipped out of the house and called the police, as her husband was charged, convicted and fined. The family lives on social security benefits and her husband still takes his weekly £7 poker money, leaving her to feed and clothe the children on even less after she has paid the contribution to his fine.

The extent of the problem in other strata of society is impossible to assess; even Mrs G did not want to expose her injuries to the critical eyes of neighbours who might meet in the doctor's surgery. However, in my own experience in general practice and from talking to colleagues who work in casualty departments of big hospitals, the known cases of domestic violence are rarely found among the wives of non-manual workers. This is not to say that the better educated male is less aggressive, but his aggression is verbal rather than physical. An insurance salesman recently brought his wife to see me as he said there must be something physically wrong with her as she had become progressively less responsive to his lovemaking. During the initial interview, he constantly made denigratory remarks about her and when he became angry, these were both offensive and cruel. This constant abuse had already damaged her psyche, possibly in a more irrevocable way than if he had broken her nose, or like her physically battered sisters, she had not overtly sought outside help.

Physical violence in a middle class home is not culturally acceptable and wives will go to extreme lengths to hide the truth. A quiet, well-dressed woman was brought to the casualty department by her husband. She had walked into a door and injured her eye. At first this appeared to be a superficial lesion consistent with her story, but closer examination revealed a penetrating wound of her eyeball seriously endangering her sight. Knowledge of the exact nature of the instrument that had caused the injury, would have helped in the treatment. It was pointed out to the patient that no door could possibly have inflicted the



Bill Sanderson

injury and that it was in her own interest to tell all that she knew, but she politely stuck to her story. From the husband's demeanour and other observations it was thought that this was almost certainly an example of domestic strife but no proof was ever forthcoming.

Mothers who give a good humoured "skelp on the lug" to a disobedient child are unlikely to worry much if their husbands "give them a wee knock" when they are not quite themselves after an evening at the pub. However, in the more extreme cases the tolerance on most of the victims extend to their male partners is very difficult to understand, and one feels they are virtually born victims who are only provoked to call on outside help if they are literally in fear of their lives.

Joan, a prostitute, was the girl friend of a notorious and brutal man who lived off her earnings. On one occasion he kicked her in the side so violently that he ruptured her spleen and it was only the close proximity of an excellent casualty department that saved her life. Another time I visited her the day she came home after four days in hospital. He had beaten her with an umbrella for an hour, breaking three ribs, her arm and her collar bone and partially scalped her. "Why don't you leave him Joan?" "Any man's better than none", she replied. Perhaps in her way of life this was so,

but for the other horn victims also there are factors in the personalities of the couple and the relationship between them which we are just beginning to perceive. Separation is rarely a solution which is acceptable to the wives on a long term basis. The provision of refuges is not necessarily the answer. Even when they are established there are grave difficulties, as the women, once there, are naturally loathe to move on, and the overcrowding and lack of normal family life can only be detrimental to the children in the long run. In many families the wife will stay with her husband if his violence is not too excessive and if she knows that assistance is immediately available. If an early warning system could be devised so that the police took immediate and effective action, this would surely eventually lead to a decrease in physical assaults in the home.

The Probation Officers' memorandum urges police prosecution on the wife's behalf, "though we recognize that she may often withdraw from such proceedings. The support provided by such action and the element of control seems to us more important than the conviction of the husband." Unfortunately, as Mrs G has found out, not all neighbours will act as an undetectable, unswayable early warning system, and until they do, most of the victims will continue to be battered. Dr Elizabeth Wilson

# Treatment for parents whose child is ill

The most ineffectual way of dealing with parental worries about a child is to say "don't worry" without ever finding out what exactly it is that the parent is really worried about. "Don't worry" is an expression which should be banned from the conversation of doctors and nurses since its use means usually that they have not understood the cause of the worry and therefore they resort to this useless formula. On the other hand an explanation as to why there are no grounds for the fears—once their true reason has been determined—removes the necessity for saying "don't worry".

Many parents are so worried about certain diseases that they cannot put their fears into words. Partly, perhaps, because they feel they will seem stupid if they do, or because the fear is so great that they dare not mention it in case it turns out to be true. One such disease is leukaemia which, though fortunately very rare in children, is well known and understandably feared. A number of mothers who complain that their child is too pale have this fear and I make a point of asking them if this is one of their anxieties. This makes it possible to explain why their child has not got leukaemia though sometimes a blood count is needed to remove the fear altogether.

Parents are worried by pallor of the cheeks but this is a poor indication of the state of the blood since the colour of the cheeks varies according to how close the blood capillaries are to the surface. A much more accurate estimation of the state of the blood is obtained from looking at the inside of the lower eyelids or the inside of the lips. From a doctor's point of view the pallor of leukaemia is so striking that the diagnosis is usually obvious before the result of the blood test is received.

The pallor of the child with leukaemia is due to the anaemia caused by the disease. Possibly this is the reason why the word anaemia strikes terror to some. But leukaemia is an uncommon cause of anaemia which in children is most often due to a lack of iron in the diet and easily treated.

Tuberculosis, now very rare in this country, is still a major fear for some parents whose child has a persistent or recurrent cough. But TB in children is quite unlike the disease in adults and its symptoms differ accordingly. Cough, the major symptom in adults, seldom affects the child with TB. The body reacts in a different way in its first encounter with the TB germ as compared with subsequent attacks. Since the first attack usually occurs in childhood its symptoms differ from attacks later in life.

The commonest presenting symptoms of TB in childhood are persistent tiredness and loss of appetite. I emphasize persis-

tent because transitory tiredness is not due to TB. The child who is active for any part of the day has not got TB—a far more common cause for tiredness in children in this country, especially the older ones, is depression.

The third disease which I find causing grave anxiety to some parents is asthma. Several parents of asthmatic children have said that asthma is as frightening as cancer. This is another reason why a cough is so frightening in some families. I suspect that one reason why asthma is feared is because it is insufficiently well known that there are two sorts of asthma—bronchial (lung) asthma, mainly affecting young people, and cardiac asthma in adults with heart failure. If an elderly person is stated to have died of asthma it is likely to be due to his heart and nothing to do with bronchial asthma.

The name bronchial asthma is best looked on as a descriptive term applied to a certain variety of recurrent wheezing attacks which often runs in families and is often associated with eczema. In those subject to the disorder a great deal can be done to prevent the attacks. All children with bronchial asthma should receive physiotherapy since by learning the techniques of breathing and postural exercises they can often breathe in such a way as to be able to prevent an attack developing when they feel it coming on.

Parents should be taught how to supervise these exercises and how to carry out postural drainage and percussive, or "tapping and thumping" as it is often called. By this means children can be helped to clear the phlegm from the lungs which accumulates there during an attack when the air tubes are narrowed. The phlegm is unlikely to be coughed up, as with an adult, but is more likely to be swallowed. This is just as effective in clearing the lungs; it sometimes causes the child to vomit but the muscular effect of vomiting empties the lungs still more.

Another major advance in the management of children with asthma is the realization that many are sensitive to the microscopic house dust mite which is found in dust almost everywhere and lives off shed skin. Measures to keep down the amount of dust in the house and ensure that the child is not in the house during dusting have been remarkably effective in reducing the number and severity of attacks in sensitive individuals. The house dust mite prefers damp houses and takes some months to take up residence in a new house, thereby explaining why some children in the past have improved when moving house.

In addition, there are now much more effective drugs available to cut short an attack of asthma. For all these reasons, and provided preventive measures are started early, asthma in childhood should no longer be regarded with the dread that it has been in the past.

Hugh Jolly

Dr Jolly regrets that he is unable to enter into any correspondence.

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Andrew Faulds

Time we British stopped kicking ourselves

For the British, 50 years ago, it was the done thing to conceal achievement with unassuming modesty. In contrast to the Americans, at that time elegant in their boasts to be bigger, richer and more efficient than any other guys in the world, we British were gently self-deprecating. Our engineering products were renowned for quality and after-service, our shipping and insurance extended to every corner of the globe and sterling was the currency which sustained more than half the total trade of all nations.

Two generations later, self-deprecation has developed into self-denigration. Quiet confidence has been replaced by gossipy lack of it. Through the media and throughout public life, management is accused of inefficiency and lack of drive and the workforce is derided for its greed and sloth. To foreign eyes, this is yet another symptom of "the English disease"—the masochistic ritual of kicking oneself when down.

The latest victim of such suicidal tendencies is the City. Certainly the fuel has been to hand to feed the fire. The failure of the fringe banks, the dark cloud of economic forecasts and the atmosphere of political uncertainty have brought stock market prices to their lowest levels for over 15 years. But other financial centres—New York, Tokyo, and now Frankfurt—have suffered from similar failures of major businesses without such severe reaction.

The current investment situation in London should be looked at from a broader international viewpoint to assess whether market levels now over-discount the future. And in particular to appraise the opportunities available to the recycling of their massive oil revenues.

First, consider the reputation of London in the eyes of the Arabs. Decry our institutions here at home as we may, the City of London enjoys an unparalleled reputation overseas. Its integrity is unquestioned. When a City agent is acting for an overseas client, there is no doubt that the client will come first should a conflict of interest arise. At a recent business seminar in Kuwait, an Arab spokesman said simply: "We know we can trust London."

Second, the essence of successful investment is timing. Human nature is prone to bouts of over-optimism at the peaks of booms and over-pessimism at the nadirs of slumps. And it is human nature that governs the levels of security markets. It is difficult to imagine greater pessimism than exists today, and the levels of markets in both government securities and ordinary shares more than discount the worst. Finally, investment outlook at the present time is notoriously short-term.

To see the prospect in proper perspective, step outside the encircling gloom and see Britain as it really is: a country in the throes of severe short-term political uncertainty, but with industrial order books at exceptionally high levels, industrial management of high calibre which needs only to recover its self-confidence and a skilled labour force which needs an assurance of a future and a fair deal.

Ahead lies the asset of substantial new reserves of fuel (not only oil but coal and natural gas as well) which will provide the wherewithal to repay short-term indebtedness within the next few years and

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How Mr Powell finally received the call from Ulster

Belfast On a summer evening three years ago next to an official of the South Down Unionist Association in the passenger concourse of Aldergrove Airport. He had been speaking at a constituency meeting in Banbridge and the Unionist had driven him back to Belfast with a few minutes to spare before the flight was called. Suddenly overwhelmed by curiosity, the Unionist turned to the Tory MP and asked if he would give more time to Northern Ireland, perhaps in tangible form. "If I get the call", came the immediate reply "I will not ignore it."

The Mr Powell stomped off to the check-in desk. Even the Unionists who do not entirely trust Mr Powell—and there are plenty of them in the farming country of west Ulster—will admit that in Northern Ireland terms he has been nothing short of consistent. The same Unionist official who stood in the airport lounge three years ago was last night sitting in the drab Orange Hall at Dromore, just up the road from Banbridge, examining an application for parliamentary candidacy from the man who did not ignore the call when at last it came.

True to form, Mr Powell was making no public statements during the day for it is his style in Northern Ireland to project other people rather than himself and the Protestant like him for it. It has always been the Unionist Party which has had to ask him to stand, it was always the Unionist Party which won victories at Westminster, and it has always been the Unionists who have tried to show that democracy—in the majority "loyalist" sense of the word—would win in the end with the downfall of imposed British solutions like the power-sharing executive. The Protestants have risen to their feet

when Mr Powell took the platform, not because he adopted the techniques of Mr Craig and Mr Paisley, offering himself as another Carson to lead the fearful from the Valley of Republicanism—but because he only claimed to be an interpreter, making the Protestants the heroes instead of himself.

The magic has worked again and again, in Belfast and even in Dublin, Fermagh. Not long after direct rule he delivered a long speech in Enniskillen in which he said there should never be a Stormont Parliament again. Protestants were threatening civil war at the time because they had just lost that very symbol of their ascendancy, but Mr Powell, his eyes flicking from one side to the other and his finger wagging demonstratively, told his audience that they would win their fight to stay British and to a man they rose and cheered him again and again.

So far Mr Powell's belief that the revival of Stormont would do Ulster no good has had little effect on his supporters, many of whom say that he agreed with the Loyalist policy document (which incorporates a kind of Kilbrandon local government) published at the Unionists' North Antrim conference last spring. "Mr Powell has said he accepts our Portrush document", one of the South Down constituency officials said this week.

In South Down, of course, Mr Powell will find in-built support. Captain Orr, the sitting MP, picked up 31,085 votes in the February election with a majority of more than 5,000 over his Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party rival. This was at a time when Captain Orr was rarely visiting the province and when Mr Faulkner had told moderate Unionists to abstain. But the speeches are likely to be much the same as those he has made before in

Ulster. On a national level, there will be condemnation of Government over spending—towards an historic accommodation with Shaikh Minhammad Abdullah, the venerable "Lion of Kashmir", after some 20 years during most of which he has been banned from political activity, spending a good part of the time in prison or under house arrest.

But the most insistent call to have come from Ulster's latest prophet has been the demands for integration, for Northern Ireland to identify totally with the United Kingdom. For many Protestants it is his strongest card but it is also his weakest, for it emphasizes the flaw which could ultimately do more harm to Mr Powell than his political opponents could dream of.

Throughout his career, he has taken the view that governments cannot legislate against reality, that it was a vice of successive administrations to think they could abolish fact by Parliamentary Bill.

The Powell theory is that if the province is integrated, its Westminster representation increased and its local Parliament abolished, then Protestants and Catholics will know that the border and partition will never again be relevant issues and violence of itself will fade away. But even Mr Craig and Mr Paisley, the two politicians who have more prestige to lose than any others by Ulster's new political star, could have told Mr Powell that in Ulster, too, reality cannot be overcome by legislation at Westminster. Whatever way he held in the House of Commons, Mr Powell's own support in Northern Ireland will falter when the people he has held up as heroes realize that the principle cannot work. The Provisional IRA long ago realized the reality of two communities divided by centuries.

Robert Fisk



Mr Powell with the Rev Martin Smyth, leader of the Orange Order, at a conference in Portrush, Co Antrim.

Indian deal may strengthen claim to Kashmir

The Indian Government appears to be edging slowly towards an historic accommodation with Shaikh Minhammad Abdullah, the venerable "Lion of Kashmir", after some 20 years during most of which he has been banned from political activity, spending a good part of the time in prison or under house arrest.

After nearly two years of intermittent negotiations between emissaries of Shaikh Abdullah and Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, both sides would seem to have staked too much on a successful outcome to admit of failure of either whatever the circumstances may still linger.

For Mrs Gandhi an accommodation with Shaikh Abdullah is a tempting prize. For it would greatly strengthen the political, as opposed to strictly legal, legitimacy of India's claim to Kashmir, of which about a third, in the north and west, has been in Pakistani hands since 1948.

India's legal claim to the whole of Kashmir (and Jammu) rests on the partition decision of the state's former Hindu Maharaja to accede to India in 1947 so as to provide a constitutional basis for the dispatch of Indian troops to drive out tribal raiders from Pakistan.

The fact that the wishes of the overwhelmingly Muslim population, which might reasonably have been expected to opt for Pakistan rather than India, were never consulted, and the Indian promise of a plebiscite, never redeemed, weakened Delhi's position.

Successful Indian spokesmen of the United Nations and elsewhere have argued that the commitment to a plebiscite was always conditional upon Pakistan's ending its "illegal occupation" of so-called "Azad" (free) Kashmir. But in reality India decided against a plebiscite long ago.

The return to power in Srinagar on the basis of free elections of a mellowed Shaikh Abdullah, who now publicly proclaims his loyalty to the Indian Constitution, would undermine Pakistan's claim that Indian citizenship is being imposed against their will on the five million inhabitants of Indian-held Kashmir.

The main difficulty is that Shaikh Abdullah wants a reversion in principle to the terms under which Kashmir originally acceded to India. These limited Delhi's authority in the state to defence, foreign affairs and communications—a special status endorsed by Article 370 of the Indian Constitution.

Since 1953, when Shaikh Abdullah was arrested and dismissed as Prime Minister of Kashmir because of his advocacy of independence for the state, Article 370 has been much—though never entirely—

ended. The Shaikh wants its validity to be reaffirmed. This is a matter of great sensitivity for Delhi. Before 1953, for example, the Governor of Kashmir was elected by the State Legislature instead of being nominated, as in all other states, by the Central Government. Mrs Gandhi is not prepared to countenance a return to this practice.

A compromise is understood to have been worked out whereby Mrs Gandhi would nominate the Governor in consultation with Shaikh Abdullah who would in turn consult the State Legislature. The Governor would revert to his old Urdu title of Sardar-Riyasat (Head of State).

The Shaikh may be allowed to style himself Wazir-Azam (literally "great minister"), which gets round the problem of whether he should be called Prime Minister, as before 1953, or merely Chief Minister, the less sovereign-sounding title being used by the heads of other state governments.

There are difficulties, too, about the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, which has been extended in Kashmir since 1953, but these are not insurmountable. Nor does the Shaikh seem disposed to make an issue of the mass of post-1953 financial legislation extended to Kashmir.

The main question now concerns the mechanics of Shaikh Abdullah's return to power. He himself is pressing for the dissolution of the present Congress-dominated state legislature and the early holding of fresh elections, which his former political organisation, the once banned plebiscite front, would contest in alliance with the Congress Party.

The Shaikh's party, whose name would have to be changed (probably in the People's Front), could expect to win a clear majority. But Congress would be likely to do well in the Hindu-majority area of Jammu. So there would be a basis for a coalition government.

Nonetheless, many Indians worry about what might happen when the Shaikh, who is 68 and not in particularly good health, departs from the scene. They fear that his immense personal following might link to younger and more radical leaders much less ready to cooperate with the central government.

There is also concern here that reaffirmation by the Indian Government of Kashmir's special status could intensify pressure for greater autonomy from other states such as Nagaland and Tamil Nadu (Madras). As one Indian columnist put it, "it is easier to open Pandora's box than to put the lid back on."

Michael Hornsby

Game of chance that led to Sudan coups

Democracy on Trial, by Mohamed Ahmed Mahgoub. Andre Deutsch, £4.95.

Not many heads or members of governments who have been at the receiving end of one or more of Africa's coups d'état survive freely enough to tell the story. The coup formula itself seems easy enough everywhere these days; a handful of soldiers pick up their arms, roll down the street in a few tanks, surround the radio station and official residences, and have anyone who seems to oppose them. But the men toppled do not find it as easy to come back.

Mohamed Ahmed Mahgoub did return to power. Between 1956 and 1963, when his first of several coups was against the Foreign Minister and then Prime Minister of the Sudan; when it was down he was either interned

or under house arrest. Now he is in self-exile in London. Twice he was ousted by the Sudanese army, first as Foreign Minister and then as Prime Minister; and in between he found office again through the phenomenon of civilian demonstrators ousting military rulers—though, of course, with the acquiescence of some of the soldiery.

The author, by profession a lawyer and judge as well as a politician, somehow makes it all seem a little like a game. His recollections, too, have the flavour of self-justification so familiar when past ministers tell their stories. Perhaps a certain naive carries with it some protection in the Sudan, for since independence in 1956 the art of ruling and power-seeking there has been anything but a game.

It was in May, 1969, that Mahgoub was overthrown for

the last time as Prime Minister. His nephew, a brigadier, came to warn him late one night that some officers were plotting his downfall, and next day the Prime Minister called in the army commander-in-chief, who promised to investigate. Twenty-four hours later the general reported that the information was unfounded. Mahgoub assumed that this appraisal came from the Director of Military Intelligence whom he trusted; only later did he discover that this officer was on holiday, and the false reassurance had come from his deputy, whom the government knew was one of the plotters.

When later in the same month the plotters duly struck, the Prime Minister was informed that "apparently" there had been a coup. "Not 'apparently', but very definitely." Was the

Prime Ministerial answer. "I can see the soldiers around the house."

Mahgoub says that the late President Nasser was involved in that plot, in spite of services which he had rendered the Egyptian President, in particular while British troops were extricated from the Yemmo war. It was in his house in Khartoum that Nasser and King Faisal of Saudi Arabia agreed to end the war.

On June 9, when he resigned for a few hours, there were, according to Nasser, only 400 soldiers between Ismailia, in the Suez Canal, and his house in Cairo. The reason, he told Mahgoub, was that about 50,000 troops were in the Yemen.

It is the habit of Arab governments to break off diplomatic relations with each other and with others whenever they feel

displeased or injured, and Mahgoub has some interesting remarks about British and American responses to these tactics.

Sudan broke off with both countries because of the Six Day War, but while Britain was ruffled, continued to trade and give economic aid, the United States emphatically did not. And yet, in November the following year when Mahgoub suffered a cerebral stroke and was taken to London for treatment, the late President Johnson was then ending his term of office in Washington, sent a specialist to attend to the Sudanese Prime Minister.

The Americans are sentimentalists, and the British are not. "The British," Mahgoub remarks, "have no permanent

friends or permanent enemies in politics—only permanent interests." This last comment was prompted by Britain having maintained good relations with the generals in the Sudan who seized power between 1958 and 1964. Britain, Mahgoub thought, being the mother of democracy should not have offered such an affront to democracy.

Mahgoub proclaims his faith in democracy, even in Africa where it has waned on all sides. "I have always believed that the remedy for faulty democracy is more democracy and more liberties, not their suppression," he says. The present period of one-party or military hegemony in the "vast vibrant African continent" must, he thinks, pass. Naivete again, or vision?

Jerome Caminada

The Times Diary

More parties than the party

Michael Leapman seeds a further report on the TUC conference in Brighton:

On the surface, a conference of the TUC has similarities with a conference of the Labour Party—especially this one, which is being examined by commentators as much for its political as for its industrial implications. To begin with, many trades unionists go to the party conference, just as several Labour MPs—led by yesterday's star, James Callaghan—are in Brighton.

Then there are the same bands of people outside the conference selling or giving away left-wing publications. FASCISTS ROUTED IN LEICESTER says one exciting headline. JOBS: IS YOURS NEXT TO GO? asks another, worryingly, making me wonder again how many medals are taken there are in today's diary.

One notable difference, though, is the shortage of fringe meetings at the TUC. At party conferences a wide choice of meetings of special interest groups takes place everywhere. Here, we had the Tribune meeting on Sunday but since then I have had only three brought to my attention—one of the National Front and one advocating support for the new Scottish Daily News.

I asked a veteran why this was. "No meetings here," he explained. "Only parties." Every evening and lunchtime delegates can pick from numerous receptions given by the participating unions.

The one most people turned up at on Monday night, braving the strong gale, was given by Clive Jenkins's Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS). A colleague explained: "Jenkins is not popular with some sections of the movement but even his

most implacable enemies come to drink his whisky."

One reason for his unpopularity is that his union has a reputation for poaching members from the territory of others. Out of 25 demarcation disputes mentioned in this year's General Council report, eight involved ASTMS. Moreover, the Disputes Committee decided in Jenkins's favour in six of them, which cannot have helped his popularity.

Still, jealousies among unions do not prevent cordiality between the leaders themselves. Before last night's party there was a potentially pregnant confrontation in a hotel lobby between Jenkins and Hugh Scanlon, the engineers' leader. Scanlon showed his good will by striking Jenkins cordially on the back and saying: "Sorry, Clive—" apologizing for the engineers' failure to vote for Jenkins in the elections for the General Council.

At his party, Jenkins was a mite less effervescent than usual, even a trifle twitchy. No doubt he was over-excited about the next day's announcement of the results of the General Council voting.

Jenkins had recovered well enough by lunchtime yesterday, when he delivered in the conference hall a riproaring attack on the House of Lords and the hereditary principle. The only qualification of hereditary peers, he said, was the distinguished history of their predecessors. They should

not be given a voice in industrial relations legislation.

If his speech was well received, I tracked down a non-believer in the bar later. He is Les Mills, leader of the National Union of Bank Employees, who described Jenkins's speech as "a little form debating stuff". Mill's union has a longstanding feud with Jenkins, claiming he is trying to poach their territory.

Mills is not here as a delegate since his union has been expelled from the TUC because of its cooperation with the Industrial Relations Act, and is unlikely to be readmitted. He was here just for the day, having a little snoop.

Discipline

Something else that distinguishes this affair from party conferences is the strict discipline imposed by the chairman.

So far everything has taken place exactly according to schedule. Speakers hardly ever have to be told about sticking to their time, and debate is cut short ruthlessly when it looks like getting out of hand.

On Monday afternoon, for instance, there was considerable interest in the debate about whether to abolish the separate women's TUC meeting. More than a dozen people, many of them women, wanted to speak, but after only five speakers had been heard the chairman called for a vote (the motion to abolish separatism was lost) and the

meeting ended at almost its exact scheduled time of five.

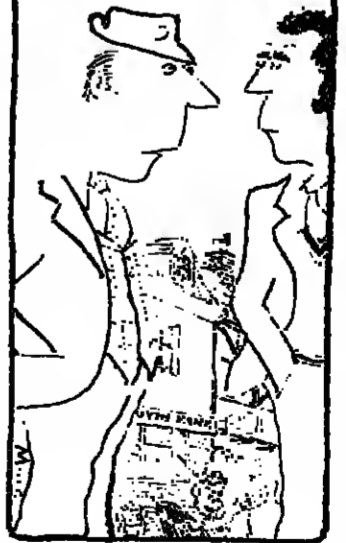
The debate, incidentally, did produce the choicest quote of the conference so far. HIRLEY Miles, of the Engineering Union said: "Women have two problems—capitalism and men. Men only have one." There were loud cries of dissent from the predominantly male audience. Margaret Morrison, of the Civil Service Union, said she looked forward to the day when more women would come to the congress, leaving their husbands behind to look after the children.

When I came to the Dome I was surprised by the large size of the room: but the organizers clearly know their trade unions. At the peak morning and mid-afternoon periods there are not enough tables to go round and there seem to be more delegates there than in the hall itself. By their casual approach to orienting the sessions delegates are possibly in training to be MPs.

Masterly

James Callaghan has become the Laurence Olivier of British politics. It is almost impossible to envisage that he could ever play his part wrong. His speech to Congress yesterday was exactly right for the audience and fully deserved the standing ovation which, after a delay, it was finally given.

"I went to see my bank manager and he asked me for an overdraft..."



about his first attendance at a congress 37 years ago. He rolled off the names of great union figures who had been on the platform of whom he was in great awe. At that moment he chose to take out his handkerchief and give a light, quite noncommittal sniff.

He was not much put out by his heckler, a large man with a porkpie hat and a nearly indecipherable northern accent, whom the stewards took an undue time to remove. When he went to the platform to take the floor, he was greeted by a cheer. That's what freedom's about, comrades. Then he reported a suggestion by someone on the platform that he might be Edward Heath in disguise.

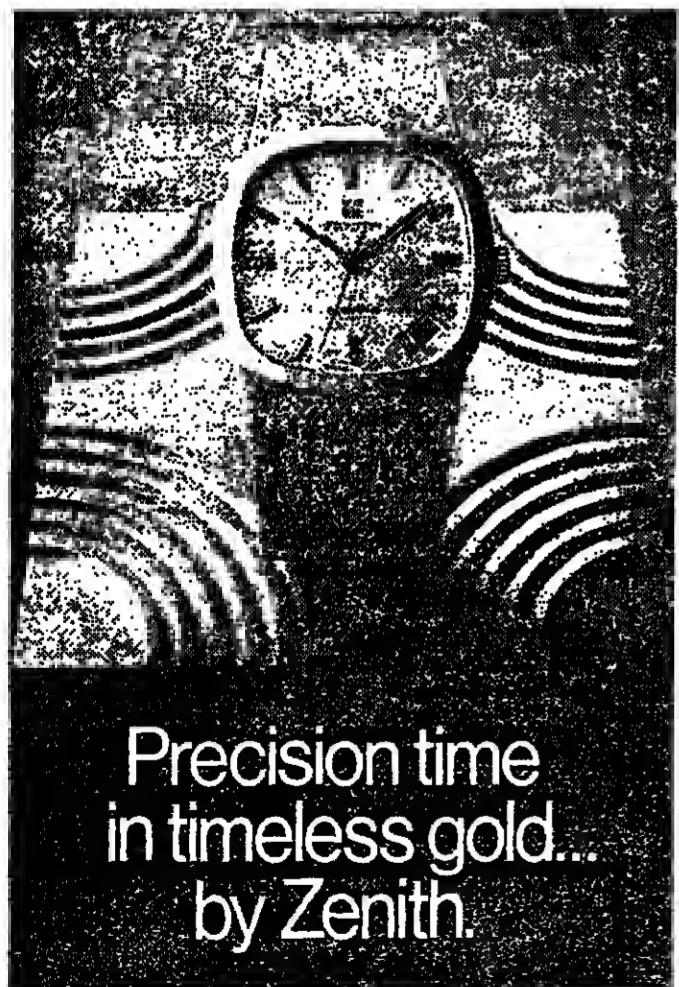
the fraternal delegate from the Cooperative Union, who had to follow Callaghan at the rostrum. Yet she put up a bravura show as the first woman ever to be nominated to attend congress by her organization, a distinction even Callaghan was unable to claim.

Temerity

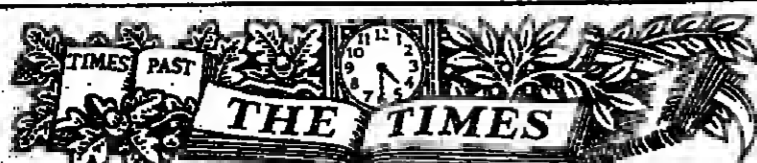
Alastair Burnet, known to millions as the twinkly-eyed anchorman of Panorama and to hundreds as editor of The Economist, finds himself in a quandary this week. The latest issue of his magazine carries a report criticizing John Sainsbury's suggestion that special rationing should be introduced. The suggestion was described in the report as "particularly damaging and likely to encourage panic buying. Not surprisingly, since Sainsbury is a director of The Economist, he did not take kindly to this criticism, and in this Friday's Economist there will be a sharp reply to him."

This should clear some murky air. Shortly after last week's story appeared, Sainsbury was on the phone to Burnet in a rather peevish mood. Burnet, who is a thorough and professional journalist, was not unduly upset. He told me: "We feel we have the right to criticize directors. The situation has even arisen when we have, with temerity, criticized our chairman."

Sainsbury, a jolly, laughing man, said he would have liked the opportunity to give the facts "before the sugar article appeared. Burnet becomes editor of Daily Express in October, and whether or not the criticism of Max Aitken, chairman of Beaverbrook Newspapers, I was sorry for Glyds Buoni,



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THE LAST CHANCE GOVERNMENT

The British public feel great concern but also great uncertainty about the now expected election; both the concern and the uncertainty are justified.

Mr Healey is still an apprentice and rather inflationary Chancellor and there is not the time to spare for him to learn the job.

second big advantage is that they are not the Labour Party. They are not associated with past failures, nor with present prejudices; they are not seen as the creatures of the trade unions...

Strong case

Yet even before the election is announced, people know that they are going to have the greatest difficulty in deciding how to cast their votes.

There is a case for each party. There are two main grounds on which people might well vote Labour in order to meet the crisis.

The great majority of the electorate mistrusts state socialism in the form approved by the Labour Party Conference, and mistrusts militant trade unionism.

The case for the Conservatives is that they were prepared to fight the last inflationary wage increase, that they are naturally Europeans in their foreign policies.

Lacking experience

Yet the Liberals have not made the headway in the short Parliament that the public expected in them, even if the expectation was asking too much of fourteen members.

The election is likely to produce an increase in the numbers of Scottish Nationalists and with Mr Enoch Powell, an accession of parliamentary effectiveness to the Ulster Unionists.

Poor shape

Yet the Conservatives do not have a bold on the country. The unions regard them as an enemy, and the hostility of the unions would be a threat not only to their national identity, but to their national policy.

In this situation, with the cup of power very probably a poisoned chalice, and almost any outcome of an autumn election quite conceivable, many electors will remain for the present undecided; indeed many may not make a final decision until the campaign is over and they find themselves in the polling booth.

SUPPLEMENTARY POCKETMONEY BENEFIT

The Commons Expenditure Committee has been having a look at educational maintenance allowances, last officially examined by a departmental working party in 1957.

grounds and the preferences for centralist recommendations when particular social or economic questions are examined.

They were introduced to assist needy parents to do well by their children in the matter of education. This the committee was informed is an out-of-date idea.

The committee was struck, as members are, by marked unevenness between L.E.A.s in the number of grants paid, the amounts and the qualifying income of parents.

Of course it may be that educational maintenance allowances are one of a class of things—welfare benefits—which ought to be uniform throughout even a well developed political system.

Today the collection is divided between the National and Tate Galleries and the British Museum, and a considerable number of paintings are on loan to provincial galleries.

Local authority tenants

From Mr David Lang Sir, We have grown so used to the acquisition of privately owned property by local authorities for public purposes that few instances now cause much stir beyond the circle of those directly affected.

cate that the properties can be converted within the annual loss limit. The estate would form a useful addition to the council's housing stock and acquisition would prevent any hardship that might otherwise be caused to tenants on the break-up of the estate.

Jobs for the over-40s From Mr Lionel Cohen Sir, Latest employment statistics emphasize the plight of the over forties. In this age group the rate of unemployment is growing fastest as the current economic squeeze causes redundancies and reduces job opportunities.

I should like, however, through your columns to draw attention to one case which, because of the issues it raises, may be of particular interest.

At the meeting on June 27, 1973, it was announced that the proposed new complex would be built on so area which included houses in the estate which the council had agreed to acquire less than two months earlier for housing purposes.

The greater rest and relaxation available at home, when local council-employed home helpers perform domestic chores, and the mother is protected from other women's newly born babies and the bustle of hospital routine, powerfully reinforces this preference.

Many of the houses involved formed part of a large estate which was until recently in private hands. At its meeting on May 9, 1973, the council approved a recommendation (by agreement with the owners) the estate in question. The supporting committee report included the following passage:

Most of the residents are tenants and as such had full protection under the Rent Acts as long as the estate was privately owned. Now that it has been acquired by the council for the site makes the case all the more deplorable.

This adds up to a criminal waste of talent and training. Few men and women of this age and background wish to choose between emigration and the drudgery of such choices as may become the only ones available unless we fight back. That "unity is strength" has been amply demonstrated recently by numerous militant professional groups and trade unions—and it gets results. Why not an over-forties union, then, to help secure proper public recognition of this problem? We must not sit back and just wait for something to happen. We must demand our right to work.

Industry's output capability

From Mr Gerhard Fischer Sir, During the forthcoming election campaign, politicians of all colours will be arguing according to their different lights, strive to make a great deal of political capital out of the causes and the evils of the three-day week, coupled with prognostications about the danger of its recurrence.

Might it not be in the greater interests of the country if a few courageous people, regardless of party, could bring themselves to remind everyone of the real lesson to be learnt? British industry (and did) produce in only three days almost the same volume of output which previously took five days or more.

Young people and authority

From the Chairman of the Thames Valley Police Authority

Sir, I was sorry to learn that there is in your leader today (August 30) an implication that the Thames Valley Police are down on innocent holiday-makers and that a pop festival cannot be held peacefully in this area.

The treatment of mental illness

From Professor Malcolm Millar

Sir, Dr Sargent's article (August 22) is not only a movement away from the philosophical; it is a movement away from science towards the polemical.

Indiscipline in universities

From Dr J. D. G. Evans

Sir, Professor Caidin's letter (August 26) on indiscipline in our universities is a salutary reminder to the larger community, both as private individuals and in their capacity as public servants, of their duty in this matter.

Football hooliganism

From the Reverend J. H. S. Burton

Sir, when the Reverend J. W. Cole writes to you under the heading "Football Hooliganism" the "Hooliganism" is certainly not the aggression, induced by society, until that society understands its adolescent males and meets their innate biological needs for a gang, a territory and a goal etc.

Turner at the Academy

From Mr Alexander Faris

Sir, The National Gallery and the Royal Academy are separated from each other by a distance little greater than the length of the Louvre.

Murder of Henry VI

From Mr Jeremy Potter

Sir, Sir Robert Birley (Letters, August 28) states that it cannot be proved that Richard III murdered Henry VI and then goes on to suggest otherwise. He cites only Commynes, whom the fable of the false countess is "reputable".

Management of childbirth

From Mrs Jane Hill

Sir, It is distressing that Baroness Summerskill should be so out of touch with the conditions in many modern maternity hospitals as her letter (August 29) reveals.

Court Line collapse

From Major D. R. Fraeman

Sir, I find it astounding that in all the articles and correspondence in the press so little attention is paid to the loss by foreign hotels.

HMSO printing dispute

From Mr J. W. Bolton

Sir, I would view your leader of August 22 regarding the HMSO printing dispute as one that someone who actually works in one of these bastions of 19th century outlook and privilege explained what it is all about.

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Pressure mounts for gas price rise after £41m loss by corporation

By Peter Hill. Pressure on the Government to allow it to lift domestic gas prices... The Gas Corporation, which yesterday announced a loss of £41m. It attributed much of the blame on price restraint policies of successive governments...

Firms face further cash call after hammering

By Terry Byland. A cautious return of investment confidence on the London stock market, already tested by the disclosure of substantial losses on foreign exchange at Lloyds Bank International, survived a fresh onslaught yesterday morning when it was announced that Tustain and L'Estrange, an eight partner stockbroking firm, had been "hammered" for inability to meet financial obligations...

Germany's proposed bank law amendments will further restrict the granting of licences

By Ian Morrison. The West German Government, which was bitterly attacked for its handling of the collapse of I. D. Herstatt, yesterday announced far-reaching proposals to strengthen the German banking system and prevent further failures... Fifteen major amendments to German banking law are to be sought by the Finance Ministry...

looking for greater information about the assets and liabilities of all banks under its jurisdiction... If the Finance Ministry's proposals become law—which could be by the end of this month—banking licences will no longer be granted to small private banks...

Deposit system ended: Germany is to lift the remaining 20 per cent cash deposit requirement on corporate borrowing abroad... Lloyds inquiry: As accountants Price Waterhouse continued their examination into the affairs of Lloyds Bank International's Lugan branch, it was suggested yesterday that the Swiss banking authorities would bring forward their proposals to control the permitted volume of uncovered foreign exchange transactions...

BRS forced to buy its trucks abroad

By Clifford Webb. British Road Services, the biggest road haulier in the country, is being forced to buy foreign trucks because British manufacturers are unable to meet demand... The state-owned group recently embarked on a £40m replacement programme with the intention of buying British wherever possible... Mr Kenneth Cook, managing director of BRS Midlands, said yesterday: "We have a fleet of over 1,100 vehicles which until last May was 100 per cent British. Since then we have been forced to buy foreign. Today 25 per cent of our fleet is foreign and the proportion is increasing..."

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\$162m rise in August reserves indicates inflow of Arab money

By Malvyn Westlake. Britain's official reserves showed their first increase for four months during August. According to figures released by the Treasury yesterday there was a rise of \$162m in the nation's holdings of gold, foreign currencies and special drawing rights... The reserves now stand at \$6,842m—the highest level since May, and only a little below the peak level of last February (Covered at the ruling exchange rate at the end of last month, the August rise is equivalent to £70m, and the reserves are equivalent to £2,953m)... The figures continue to suggest that a healthy volume of Arab oil revenues is flowing into London, helping to offset the huge drain on the reserves that would otherwise occur as a result of the huge monthly trade deficit...

public sector, which has been encouraged by the Government to boost the inflow of foreign money raising overseas loans... In addition, to these public sector loans, a large proportion of the sterling payments received by Middle East oil producers are clearly still being held in London in spite of Britain's deteriorating overseas trade position... If these inflows were not occurring, the \$800m a month trade deficit would eliminate the official reserves in just over eight months. In fact, the reserves are now as high as last winter when the world oil price was quadrupled... It would appear that neither the \$2,000m borrowed by the Government from the Burudoller market earlier this year, and the \$1,200m loan recently negotiated with Iran, have yet been drawn... Much of the oil revenues currently flowing into London are believed to have found their way into the Government bond market.

UK RESERVES. The following are the figures for the United Kingdom's official reserves at the end of the month issued by the Treasury yesterday. Change in month. End of month Sm £m \$m. 1971 5,582 2,526\* 1972 5,646 2,404. 1973 Aug 6,516 2,650 -112 Sept 6,382 2,644 -134 Oct 6,761 2,772 +379 Nov 6,546 2,836 -115 Dec 6,476 2,787 -170. 1974 Jan 6,178 2,708 -298 Feb 5,966 2,588 -212 March 6,444 2,691 +478 April 6,956 2,869 +512 May 6,920 2,886 -36 June 6,711 2,806 -209 July 6,680 2,799 -31 Aug 6,842 2,953 +162. \*Sterling figures from 1971 to May 1972 valued at the Smithsonian parity of \$2.63671, and from June 1972 at the closing market rate on the last day of the period. Gold and SDRs valued at their dollar par at the time.

Forecast of 20pc drop in sugar crop

By Hugh Clayton. A cut of about 20 per cent in British sugar output this year was forecast yesterday by the British Sugar Corporation. After sampling the crop it said home production this year was likely to be between 730,000 and 780,000 tons, compared with 948,000 last year... The forecast came as Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Conservative MP for Gloucester, said she had reported two Government Ministers to the Ombudsman for being "silent and motionless" about sugar. They are Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture and Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection... "They have caused distress and inconvenience, and have apparently no contingency plans whatever," Mrs Oppenheim said. "All they appear to have done is close their eyes and hope the problem would go away..."

The three dangers to democracy

Continued from page one. been given, according to the paper, to arguments put forward recently in articles in The Times that "free collective bargaining, full employment and a flexible currency are not in the long-run mutually compatible," and that "a liberal democracy is unlikely to be able to abandon any one of the three"... Mr Brittan rejects the conventional "incomes policy" solution because of the lack of any basic agreement to such "reluctantly" voluntarily. "For it is clear to any particular union leader that most of the gains from price stability and fuller employment spill over to members of other unions and the general public, while the costs are highly concentrated among his own members..."

RETAIL SALES AND HP

The following are the seasonally adjusted figures for the volume of retail sales and the value of new instalment credit released by the Department of Industry. Sales by volume extended 1971=100. £m. 1972 Q1 105.8 2,497 Q2 102.1 875 Q3 104.6 812 Q4 107.2 6,940 1973 Q1 107.5 670 Q2 110.7 2,873 Q3 111.8 789 Q4 108.0 868 1974 Q1 110.5 721 Q2 112.3 715 Q3 110.1 193 Q4 108.3 186 January 110.4 192 February 107.9 201 March 105.4 206 April 108.1 205 May 109.5 216

Retail sales boost continues

By Peter Jay. Economics Editor. Retail sales recovered more of the ground they had lost in April and May, according to the final figures for July published by the Department of Industry yesterday, confirming the earlier provisional estimate... Payments under threshold agreements with new pensioners probably helped, but over the past four months, sales have been running as much as 2 1/2 per cent below their level in the first quarter of the year and 4 1/2 per cent below their peak level during the last quarter of last year... This picture is confirmed by the latest figures of hire purchase and other instalment credit extended in July... The monthly total of new credits extended by finance houses and retailers continued its steady monthly recovery since February. But it is still running almost 10 per cent below its level in the second half of last year...

Markets ignore Lloyds loss

Trading on the international currency markets appeared to be largely unaffected yesterday by the £33m foreign exchange losses announced by Lloyds Bank on Monday... Trading in both the spot and forward currency markets was described as "moderate", and similar to what has been seen in the past few days... Mr Murray Gordon, chairman of CES, said the shutdown was due to delays caused by the refusal of planning permission for redevelopment of the Holborn buildings... Financial Editor, page 19

Freight rates change

The East African conference lines and the United Kingdom-Sudan conference lines yesterday announced that the East African trades negative currency adjustment factor will be 4.37 per cent, instead of 1.2 per cent and the surcharge for Britain-Sudan will be reduced to 4.90 per cent from 7.73 per cent from September 10... Financial Editor, page 19

CES and Sears fail to agree in merger talks

By Our Financial Staff. Combined English Stores disclosed yesterday that it has been unable to agree merger talks with Sears Holdings but that these have failed. This news, which brought the group's stock market value down by £2.6m, was followed by an announcement that CES is to close Gamage stores for at least three years... Mr Murray Gordon, chairman of CES, said the shutdown was due to delays caused by the refusal of planning permission for redevelopment of the Holborn buildings... Financial Editor, page 20

Algerian gas contract

An international consortium yesterday signed a 3,400m Algerian dinar (about £340m) contract with Algeria's state-owned company Sonatrach to build a liquefied natural gas factory at Arzew, western Algeria...

Italy denies snags to loan from Germany

Milan, Sept 3.—There were reports today that West Germany attached a condition to its \$2,000m (about £833m) loan to Italy, asking that German goods be exempted from the present Italian import restrictions... Officials in the office of Signor Mariano Rumor, the Prime Minister, declined to comment on the reports. Signor Gianmario Matteotti, the Foreign Trade Minister, said he knew nothing about it... "I did not participate in the loan talks and I have not met Rumor or the Treasury Minister recently," he said. "Therefore I cannot say anything." He was quoted as saying this in an interview with the Milan newspaper Il Girone... He hinted, however, that he would disapprove of this kind of restriction imposing an interest-free deposit of 50 per cent of the imports value... Signor Matteotti said: "If the list of items for which the deposit is mandatory should be revised, I would like this to be done on our own without any external imposition..."

Cheaper TWA fares

Trans World Airlines said yesterday it will offer low advance-purchase excursion return fares between the United States and Europe starting on November 1. The fares, which are subject to government approval will provide discounts of up to 46 per cent...

Export surplus

Exports of pharmaceuticals in the first six months of this year amounted to £137.66m—so an increase of 28 per cent on the first half of 1973. Over the same period the surplus of exports over imports increased from £77.07m to £82.79m...

How the markets moved

Rises: Ryffroes 10p to 940p, Broken Mines 10p to 260p, Broken Hill 10p to 450p, Centenary Sec 2p to 22p, Anglo S 2 1/2p to 12 1/2p, Eagle Star 5p to 6 1/2p, Greaves Org 1p to 17p. Falls: BK of Scot 13p to 150p, British Land 3p to 184p, Bar Soap 15p to 34p, Herbert A 1p to 9p, Inchcape 10p to 22 1/2p, Land Secs 4 1/2p to 12 1/2p. Lloyds BK 2p to 29p, Mome Conts 2p to 32p, Nat Wmstrs 6p to 148p, Orlon 1p to 8 1/2p, Rapid Mine Prop 5p to 33 1/2p, UC Invest 5p to 33 1/2p. Lindop Hedge 3p to 4p, Royal 3p to 17 1/2p, Spencer, T. & E 9p to 100p, Thoni Elec 'A' 5p to 43p, UK & O'secs 3p to 35p, Vavasseur 1p to 8p, Wendle, R 1p to 11 1/2p.

THE POUND

Bank buys Bank sells. Australia \$ 1.615 1.585, Austria Sch 44.75 42.75, Belgium Fr 94.75 92.40, Canada \$ 7.33 7.28, Denmark Kr 14.69 14.20, Finland Mkk 9.00 8.75, France Fr 11.35 11.00, Germany DM 6.39 6.10, Greece Dr 81.00 74.50, Hongkong \$ 12.00 11.65, Italy Lr 1605.90 1535.00, Japan Yn 725.00 700.00, Netherlands Gld 6.40 6.20, Norway Kr 13.10 12.75, Portugal Esc 71.00 65.50, S Africa Rd 1.99 1.97, Spain Ps 135.90 130.00, Sweden Kr 10.50 10.30, Switzerland Fr 7.15 6.90, US \$ 2.25 2.30, Yugoslavias Dnr 37.00 35.00.

Demand growing for financial position of Court Line shipping to be clarified

By Maurice Corina. Industrial Editor. Officials of the Merchant Navy and Airline Officers' Association are demanding an end to the uncertainty over the heavily mortgaged ships—some the subject of sale contracts—involved in the collapse of Court Line... In particular, protests have been lodged with the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board over the almost farcical refusal to give the 46,769-ton oil tanker Halcyon Skies a port berth... Yesterday the captain Mr Morgan Jones appealed to the Prime Minister to intervene to get the ship into port and sort out the tangle... Rough weather prevented the oil tanker from entering into the Mersey to take on fresh water and provisions. With her crew of 25 she rode out the weather at anchorage at the Mersey Bar...

Halcyon Skies, built three years ago, is due to be delivered this month to a new owner, Schiffscorrespondent Volkseigner Aussenhandelsbetrieb der VVB Schiffbau, of East Germany... The sale contract is dated June 4 at a price roughly equal to the mortgages which Court Line secured on her value—more than £6m... City merchant bankers Wm Brandts Sons & Co have a first mortgage secured against the ship of just over £2m while a second mortgage secures a further £4.1m to the Bankers Trust International, one of Court Line's major creditors... The position is further complicated because Burngreen Securities, a subsidiary of Court Line, is the subject of a nationalization (negotiations), but its parent company, E.S. Bank, the money being a sum it owed to Bankers Trust and secured against the now blocked ship...

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RECORD TURNOVER DESPITE UNSETTLED TRADING CONDITIONS

The following are extracts from the circulated statement of the Chairman and Managing Director, Mr W. E. Wrighton: The record turnover of £7,006,957 does more than merely reflect the inflationary conditions during the year and is in the main the result of our enlarged productive capacity and intensive marketing methods... The unsettled general economic conditions and the Counter Inflation Regulations have had their effect on production and profitability and pre-tax profit is slightly lower... 40,000 sq. ft. of additional productive and storage space was added on our available freehold land at the Broxbourne factory and we have plans for further expansion there... We believe that substantial business could be done on the Continent of Europe and during 1973 WRIGHTON INTERNATIONAL FURNITURE S.A.R.L. was formed... Sales figures for the last three months of the current year are holding their own and with our increased capacity, first class service and delivery, we shall be ready to take full advantage of the flow of orders which we believe will come eventually... GROUP FINANCIAL STATISTICS. Year ended 31st March 1974 1973. Turnover £7,006,957 £5,684,622. Profit before Taxation 705,419 731,100. Ordinary Dividend\* 44,320 44,100. Profits retained 259,544 407,829. Issued Share Capital and Reserves 1,326,432 1,668,888. Earnings per Share 7.61p 10.04p. \*After deduction of Advance Corporation Tax. Copies of the Accounts are available from The Secretary, F. Wrighton & Sons (Associated Companies) Limited, Biller Road, Walthamstow, London, E17 5DW.

# GM chief seeks delay in safety regulations

From Our United States Economics Correspondent Washington, Sept 3

Mr. Richard Gerstenberg, chairman of General Motors Corp. has called on the United States government for a three-year moratorium on new regulations governing car safety and emission control equipment for "an immediate joint government-industry review of the cost-benefit relationship of equipment already on our cars with an eye to which of it can be removed".

In a statement on the introduction of 1975 models, the GM chief claimed that government-mandated equipment had added about \$270 (£117) to the cost of every United States produced car in the last four years. He claimed that much of the mandated equipment was quite unnecessary.

At a press conference today he suggested the company could cut 1975 model prices immediately by \$40, for example, if requirements were dropped on automatic ignition interlock systems.

Mr Gerstenberg said that his company is proposing that the government immediately attack inflation "by eliminating requirements for unpopular, unproductive and unnecessary equipment on future automobiles".

He expected United States car sales to improve gradually in the next year as the economy slowly returned to better health. Sales this year are likely to total 9.5 million units and the figure would probably rise to 10 million units for all of 1975, with an annual rate of 10.5 million being seen in sales in the closing months of 1975.

On investments, he said that his company's capital spending was likely to total \$1,400m this year, after \$1,100m last year. The 1975 level might be slightly higher than the current year.

# Motor companies propose third round of price rises this year

By Clifford Webb

Another round of car price increases is on the way—the third this year. All the chief British motor companies are understood to have notified the Price Commission of their intention to raise prices by between 7 and 10 per cent.

Unless the commission objects—and this is thought unlikely—it will mean a total increase over nine months of around 26 per cent.

The new prices are expected to come into operation at the end of the month—only three months after the last increases. As the previous rises were at the same time, it seems clear that the motor industry is sticking firmly to the minimum statutory period of three months between increases.

It had been suggested in some industry circles that the approach of the London Motor Show next month and the launching of new and updated models would enable companies to cover price increases without resorting to a formal approach to the commission. Its approval is not normally withheld for any length of time.

British Leyland has insisted that it will not negotiate until the strikers return to work, but shop stewards revealed last night that unofficial talks have taken place with the management during the past few days. It is believed that the company have indicated they are prepared to improve on their original offer of £4 a week.

The strike has so far cost British Leyland some 14,000 cars worth an estimated £18m at retail prices.

Chrysler have moved swiftly to resume production after the ending of the three weeks' old strike at its Coventry plastics factory. About 5,500 of the 9,500 men laid off at Ryton, near Coventry, and Luton, near Renfrewshire, have been recalled for work today. This will enable car production to be resumed.

Catamaran blacking: Dockers' leaders at Hull have decided not to operate the Bacar—barges—aboard catamarans—services to the port.

Mr Brian Barker, docks officer of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said the decision—by the Hull docks district committee—will mean that the strikers return to work, but shop stewards revealed last night that unofficial talks have

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car prices or improved specifications if they are kept within criteria established by practice. None of the manufacturers was prepared to comment last night on price applications because they have an unofficial understanding with the commission to this effect.

Reliable industry sources said manufacturers' costs had risen only moderately in June and July; but any hopes of restricting price increases to model changes had been dashed by a very sharp cost inflation during August and a similar projection for September.

The surprise development last night could lead to an early end to the 11-day strike at British Leyland's Washwood Heath transmissions plant. Shop stewards sent urgent messages to the 2,000 men on strike, calling them to a mass meeting at 10 am today. The men were not expected to meet again until tomorrow.

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# Garage bills increase premiums

More insurance companies have raised their motor insurance premium rates because of the rising cost of garage repairs and court awards.

Sun Alliance and London Insurance raised rates an average 5 per cent from September 1 for new business and from October 1 existing policyholders will be asked for a similar increase.

The increases apply to all policyholders including those on Motor Plan. The company has about 330,000 motorists on its books.

A spokesman for Bradford and Pennine Insurance, which insures about 250,000 motorists, said his company is raising rates an average 12 per cent for new and existing business from November 1.

Increases would be from 5 per cent in rural areas to 20 per cent in inner London. Commercial vehicle rates were unchanged.

Phoenix Assurance announced yesterday it raised rates an average 15 per cent from September and October and several other companies are expected to announce increases by the end of the year.

# Swan Hunter's head urges collaboration

By Ronald Kershaw

Sir John Hunter, chairman of the Swan Hunter group, said yesterday that nationalization of the shipbuilding and ship repairing industries would contribute nothing to the solution of any problems either of the industries may have neither would it help in improving their efficiency nor promote the well-being of those they employed.

He also thought it time the companies' views were placed on record, stressing they were "divorced from any reasons of political doctrine".

Speaking after the launch of a new refrigerated cargo vessel, Sir John called for "genuine consultation and collaboration by government with employers and trade unions in the industries on the best means of promoting our common objectives".

Sir John said the Shipbuilders and Repairers National Association would shortly be submitting an outline of an alternative to nationalization based on close partnership between industry and government. He said: "I believe such an arrangement would enable all sides to work together and produce results while avoiding the damage that would inevitably ensue from the imposition of nationalization for which they are totally unsuited."

He said that over the past six or seven years the group had successfully expanded and rationalized activities in the shipbuilding and ship repairing field on the lines recommended in the Geddes report.

# New Zealand tightens credit curbs

Wellington, Sept 3.—Tighter hire purchase terms for cars, light trucks and motor cycles were announced by the New Zealand government.

Deposits on new cars and light trucks have been raised from 50 per cent to 60 per cent of the purchase price, and the period for payment has been cut from two years to a year, Mr Warren Freer, the Trade and Industry Minister said.

Deposits on secondhand cars and light trucks have been raised from 50 to 60 per cent and the period for payment cut from two years to 18 months.

Hire purchase deposits on new motor cycles have been raised from 33 per cent to 60 per cent and the credit period cut from two years to 18 months.

Mr Freer said the changes aimed to help damp down the high level of consumer demand that continued to strain both the balance of payments and the domestic economy.

# Nato talk on conservation of energy for industry

From Frank Vogt Washington, Sept 3

Meetings aimed at cooperation in conserving industrial energy are planned between British and American officials in London this week. Later, American officials will meet officials from European countries.

The meetings are taking place in the framework of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's committee on challenges of modern society. The basic aims are to collate all available data and technical know-how on energy conservation in industry.

These efforts dovetail to a large extent with new plans by the American government to bring about international agreements on energy conservation. Top American Treasury officials believe that it is vital that oil consuming countries make much greater efforts to conserve.

Such efforts are seen as essential in plans for dealing with an emergency such as an embargo on supplies by Middle East producers, are to work.

The basis for these proposed Nato meetings is a draft memorandum drawn up by the committee on challenges of modern society in conjunction with the American Federal Energy Administration.

This document outlines the sort of information that all participating countries should produce to form an international data base for industrial energy conservation.

The Nato group is now starting to collect material on the amount of energy used in different types of industries, methods of reducing consumption, technology developed to reduce consumption and trends in the development of technology; the sort of energy savings that can be produced at each stage of manufacture of a specific product.

So far the only comprehensive information for this study is from the federal energy administration regarding conservation in the aluminium, cement, copper, glass container, paper, petroleum refining, petrochemical, rubber and steel industries.

The draft memorandum shows, for example, that on 1974 data electrical utilities accounted for 25 per cent of total American energy consumption, manufacturing industry for 29 per cent and transport for 25 per cent and the remainder by residential and commercial sectors.

Work that the United States administration has done recently has resulted in the development of some 130 ideas on industrial energy conservation. If many of these ideas are adopted by industry, the administration estimates that energy savings of the equivalent of 1,400,000 barrels of oil a day could be achieved.

Mr Jack Bennett, United States Treasury Under-Secretary for Monetary Affairs, said his other day that far greater efforts, on an international basis, in conserving energy will be one of the most important steps to reduce the financial difficulties produced by the oil crisis.

# Hire purchase figures for cars down 25pc

By Edward Townsend

Motor vehicle hire purchase contracts taken out last month totalled 113,159, a drop of almost a quarter compared with August last year, according to Hire Purchase Information.

The severity of the fall-off in consumer spending on vehicles was masked by the usual August buying spree on new cars and motor cycles by motorists anxious to take advantage of the new vehicle registration letter.

Hire purchase on new cars in August rose by 50 per cent on the July figure of 16,558 contracts to 25,034. However, this was still almost 47 per cent below the number of contracts signed in August last year, indicating the continued slump in car sales.

Used car hire purchase contracts in August rose only slightly on the July figure of 65,640, but held up better than new car contracts compared with August, 1973, when 76,697 second-hand cars were bought on credit terms.

Contracts on new motor cycles and scooters in August were 13 per cent up on July at 4,047 and less than 200 below last August's figure, while new commercial vehicle contracts fell by 31 per cent over August last year, to total 4,455.

# Abu Dhabi wins 60pc stake from Western oil groups

Abu Dhabi, Sept 3.—This Gulf emirate today signed an accord with western oil companies giving it a 60 per cent controlling share of the Abu Dhabi Petroleum Company.

The agreement, similar to those between other large producers in the Gulf and foreign oil firms, pushed the government participation from 25 to 60 per cent, and was reached after tough bargaining.

Previously British Petroleum, Royal Dutch Shell and Compagnie Française des Pétroles each had shares of almost 18 per cent and the American companies, Mobil and Exxon, each held stakes of almost 9 per cent.

Abu Dhabi will pay the company \$40m (almost £17m) as compensation.

Mr Mana Otreibah, Finance and Oil Minister, who hailed today as an outstanding achievement, said the negotiations were expected soon on a similar agreement with Abu Dhabi Marine Areas, the second large company here.

The accord, backdated to January, provides that a portion of the emirate's crude will be sold to the company at \$11.9 a barrel.

The company will pay the Government \$500m for Abu Dhabi crude effective from January 1 and that the company will buy 300,000 barrels a day of the emirate's share.

# OPEC seeks to cut output but maintain prices

Vienna, Sept 3.—Advisers to the world's largest oil-exporting nations ended six days of talks today and agreed to recommend their governments to cut back crude oil production to maintain the high price of oil.

The advisers, who met to draft proposals for a meeting of the ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) on September 12, agreed to recommend that crude oil prices remain frozen at \$11.63 a barrel until the end of the year.

# Japanese banks asked to raise interest rates

Tokyo, Sept 3.—Finance minister Masuyoshi Ohira said today in a debate in the Diet that the government soon will urge commercial banks to raise interest rates on deposits in an attempt to protect depositors from inflation.

Rumours of an increase in interest rates on bank deposits have been circulating since last month, but this was the first official reference to the increases.

Press reports said the ministry plans to raise the rates by 0.5 per cent for certain deposits and more for others.

Profit rise forecast: Yamachi Research Institute of Securities and Economics Inc has forecast a 13.9 per cent gain in net profit for big Japanese concerns listed on the first section of the Tokyo stock exchange and an 18.4 per cent gain in operating profit for the March quarter ending March 31, 1975. Both increases would be over the preceding half. It estimated that sales would rise by 10.4 per cent.

Meanwhile, Wako Securities Company forecast major firms, net profits for the March quarter would gain 12.1 per cent and that operating profits would rise 11 per cent on sales—an increase of 11.3 per cent—AP-Dow Jones.

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# KLM plans cuts in costs

Amsterdam, Sept 3.—KLM Royal Dutch Airlines said today that it planned an austerity programme to cut costs following losses of 54m guilders (about £26m) and 6m guilders in 1973-74 and 1972-73 respectively.

The airline said it would discuss its proposals with the unions involved.

KLM made a loss of 32.8m guilders in the first quarter ended June 30 and earlier this year said it did not expect a return to profitable operations during 1974-75.—Reuter.

# Chartered surveyors' rules and protection of the public

From Mr J. W. A. Loney

Sir, In his letter published August 22, Mr John Talbot writes that "the time has now been reached when... such organizations as... estate agents... holding clients' or customers' money should be placed under similar licensing and monetary restrictions" as apply to solicitors.

The bye-laws of The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors contain a rule that every member shall keep in one or more bank accounts separate from his own, or his firm's bank account, any money held by or entrusted to him or his firm in any capacity other than that of beneficial owner. A member found to have contravened that rule would be subject to disciplinary action and would be liable to expulsion from the institution.

In addition, the institution, in conjunction with the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers, administers an indemnity scheme to cover members of the public against loss of deposits due to fraud and dishonesty, paid in respect of property or land in the United Kingdom to an agent who is either a professionally qualified member of the RICS or ISVA or a principal of a firm one or more of whose principals is so professionally qualified.

Members of the public can thus be confident that, if they deal with a chartered surveyor, or a firm where one or more of the principals is a chartered surveyor, not only will their money be kept entirely separate from the firm's but they also have the protection afforded by the indemnity scheme.

J. W. A. LONEY, Secretary for Professional Practice.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, 12 Great George Street, Parliament Square, London, SW1.

# 'Buy first and look later' attitude of people when choosing clothes

From Mr M. K. Reid

Sir, Mr K. Dawson's letter, asking where are the British apparel manufacturers, displays an incredible degree of naivety. He says that on returning from a shopping expedition in Watford he and his wife "were staggered to discover" that the shirt, jeans, trousers and footwear which they had bought were all made overseas.

Are we to assume that Mr and Mrs Dawson actually bought eight items without once looking at the labels to see by whom and where these articles were made?

In view of this kind of shopping attitude, I think it is rather impudent for Mr Dawson to ask "what our domestic manufacturers are up to, neglecting a large and easy home market".

Mr Dawson is as concerned about our balance of payments as he professes, then the next time he or his wife go on another shopping expedition perhaps they would just glance at the labels and then decide whether they wish to buy British or foreign goods, and not wait until they get home to make the discovery.

Nearly 50 per cent of the shirts sold in Britain come from overseas and over the past year or so various reasons have been advanced as to how this has come about. Mr Dawson's revelation about his "buy first and look later" system of shopping provides a sad part of the answer.

Yours faithfully,  
M. K. REID,  
Director,  
Clothing Manufacturers' Federation of Great Britain and The Shirt, Collar & Tie Manufacturers' Federation,  
14/15 Cochrane Street, London, SW1.

# Why we do not need the Wankel at all

From Mr John Mortimer

Sir, After some challenging remarks from Captain Seeger-Thomas (July 23) and Mr L. J. K. Stright (August 6) I am encouraged to have the moral support of Mr Markland (August 23). And I remain undeterred and faithful to my views.

However, I must congratulate Mr Stright on the eloquence of his writing. Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately for him, he plays right into the hands of the money-grubbers and the salesman who are seeking to foist the Wankel on to a motoring populace which neither wants nor needs it.

May I suggest to those who have risen so valiantly to defend the Wankel that they have missed the point? In their eagerness to defend they have failed to produce valid reasons for the Wankel's continued development.

I suggest we do not need the Wankel at all. Firms launching a new engine of novel design must be sure the engine offers tangible benefits: frugality in its use of fuel and oil; cheap to make, run and maintain; have acceptable emission characteristics and be able to offer substantially improved performance. Today's Wankel, and even those in the research laboratories, do not offer that prospective.

Certainly, the General Motors engines to which Mr Stright refers as having equal fuel economy to comparable piston engines are in effect prototypes operating under controlled conditions. They are not mass produced engines.

Mr Stright suggests too that it will not do for me to call the Wankel engine dirty. I can do no more than ask the reader to judge for himself:

	HC	CO	NOx
	(grams per mile)	(grams per mile)	(grams per mile)
Unrated piston engine	11	80	1.1
Wankel engine	34	92	2.2
Wankel engine with water cooling	1.8	55	2.3
Wankel engine with water cooling, turbocharged, light-duty engine	1.8	17.8	5.5
Wankel engine with water cooling, turbocharged, heavy-duty engine	1.5	13.7	1.1

May I suggest that simplicity is the hallmark of superb design. For this reason we should not, as Mr Stright suggests, be looking forward to even more complex versions of Wankel. We need more simple engine designs.

And Mr Stright is doing the Wankel an injustice when he claims it is as crude today as the piston engine was 60 years ago. The makers would not want the buying public to believe the Wankel was so crude. Rather the reverse.

The Wankel is no child. The first patent was taken out in 1929, but the original stretch back 200 years to James Watt and to the mid-nineteenth century to Beau de Rochas and Lenoir. And with such a fuod of technologies available today the digestion period for new engines must be less than it was sixty or more years ago.

Finally, on the question of investment let us look at the following. I am sure that if the consensus of engineers in British Leyland had been able to provide convincing arguments why the Wankel is the engine of the future then the company now would be developing such an engine. It has not even taken out a licence.

Again, who can ask why great firms like Fiat and Renault have not taken out licences. Equally, why have Ford (it is wanting to sell its Wankel-making machine tools), Daimler-Benz and Rolls-Royce discarded it. These are hardly firms with short-term investment problems precluding them from adopting the Wankel.

I did notice incidentally that neither Captain Seeger-Thomas nor Mr Stright drew attention to the many owners of Wankel-engined cars who have "enjoyed" two, three or even four changes of engine. Nor did they highlight the high premiums owners have to pay to buy a Wankel car—in the case of the Citroen Birotor it is no less than £750.

People seem to forget that while money is being poured down the drain to bring the Wankel up to the standard of the piston engine, the piston engine is itself a moving target as development is directed to improve it.

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN MORTIMER,  
Editor,  
The Engineer,  
30 Calderwood Street, Woolwich, London, SE18.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Original reasons for introduction of Purchase Tax

From Mr A. W. Taylor

Sir, Mr G. N. Priener takes your task "for falling into the trap of forgetfulness" but the lapse of memory is his.

The Purchase Tax was never a luxury tax. It was introduced in 1940 (not 1941), and the original schedule included such items as clothing and footwear (except for young children), furniture, bedding, pots and pans, and many other household essentials.

The first—and as it turned out final—draft of this schedule had to be prepared within 24 hours. No research was possible; all that could be done was to draw up a list of statutory definitions to include almost everything in the last pre-war, Army and Navy Stores catalogue.

No one was more surprised than the compilers when this list received final approval as it stood.

Yours faithfully,  
A. W. TAYLOR,  
72 Watlington Road,  
Beaconsfield, Bucks.

### Small landowner

From Mr N. D. Thomas

Sir, On August 13 you reported that the Orkney Islands of Hoy and Pimta are to have mains electricity connected at a cost of £460,000.


As the owner of a small 40-acre farm with three cottages in west Orkney I have been quoted by the SWEB £4,824 for the farm connexion, and £1,512 for each cottage, a total of £9,360 to bring the mains less than one mile overhead.

Although on a main road the farm is isolated and, since the milking requirements will shortly compel the farmer to have mains electricity connected, there is really no option but to pay.

What is the answer for the small landowner in a case like this?

Yours faithfully,  
N. D. THOMAS,  
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Greenwood Avenue,  
Malifay.

**INTERIM STATEMENT**



## Imperial Metal Industries Ltd.

**Interim Report for the Half Year to 30 June 1974**

	1974	1973	Year
	First six months £ million	First six months £ million	£ million
<b>Sales to external customers</b>	182.2	127.4	275.1
<b>Profit before tax</b>	11.0	10.8	23.5
<b>Profit after tax</b>	5.9	6.3	12.6
<b>Profit after tax applicable to IMI</b>	5.5	5.7	11.5

The above figures exclude profits on metal stocks and profits arising from the increase in value of the net assets of overseas subsidiaries and associates due to changes in exchange rates. There was a profit on metal stocks before tax of £0.8m in the first half of 1974 compared with a profit before tax of £2.7m in the first half of 1973, and £6.1m for the full year.

Despite the effects of the three day working week in the early part of the year, trading profit was higher than in the corresponding period of last year. This was, however, offset by an increase in interest payable primarily for financing copper stocks.

Taxation is based on a U.K. Corporation Tax rate of 52% (1973: 47.5%). The charge for the first half of 1974 has been reduced by a credit of £0.2m for Investment Grants, compared with £0.2m in the first half of 1973 and £0.4m in the full year.

**Interim Dividend**

The Directors have declared an interim dividend at the rate of 4.6% (compared with 4.25% for 1973) payable on 8 October 1974 to shareholders on the Register on 6 September 1974, including advance Corporation Tax of £0.9m this will absorb £2.8m (1973: £2.5m), effectively providing for an increase of 12% in the interim dividend.

## "I look to the future with much optimism and I see exciting prospects for our company in the years to come"

Chairman, Mr. Asil Nadir.

- Profits beat prospectus forecast by 23%
- Number of branches increased from seven to twelve
- Three new branches to be opened this year
- Increasing demand from major stores and multiple chains
- Current turnover running at higher level

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Weak link in the chain of banking controls

An attitude of benign indifference with which the foreign exchange market treated Lloyds Bank's potential £31m losses yesterday was much in line with its response to the earlier misfortunes of such as Westdeutsche Landesbank and Union Bank of Switzerland.



Sir Michael Clapham, chairman of Imperial Metal Industries: implications in the copper price.

That was not the case with Lloyds. Banks operating in the United Kingdom are tightly limited by the Bank of England of the size of unattached positions they can hold in sterling.

That the losses could still happen, in defiance of all assumptions that no British bank could suffer on such a scale, poses the question of whether attempts by central banks at controlling foreign exchange dealings can hope to bring speculation in line with individual dealers can so easily evade their own house rules.

How remote most top bank management has remained from the complexities and hard realities of the dealing floor is apparent in the paucity of foreign exchange experts on many banks now going to be asked whether their own safeguards are quite as comprehensive as they have thought hitherto.

Moreover, since it is so evidently difficult to rule out the possibility of occasional borrower stories, one can expect to see the reviewing process on the basis upon which they will deal with others.

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Imperial Metal Balancing factors Performance by Imperial Metal Industries in the first six months has been mixed, but with the favourable factors on balance, pricing is strong. The trend is likely to continue in the current half and IMI should be able to look forward to an increase in the profits for the year from £23.5m to around £25m.

The rise in copper price is largely responsible for the 43 per cent jump in sales to £182m. Stock profits, excluding from these figures, amounted to £800,000 (£2.7m) and IMI

means it needs the compensation fund. Those few members who talk of abandoning the fund would do well to remember this.

Ocean Optimistic indicators

Shipping shares may be discounting a slowdown in the growth of world trade but freight volume and rate indications from Ocean Transport and Trading yesterday were just as optimistic as those from P & O recently.

Ocean's trading profit is 83 per cent better at £9.32m reflecting the continuing buoyancy in the general cargo trades. Volume rather than rates (which are conference fixed) is the vital factor here and so far there is no indication of any weakening trend.

On the trading side, while sales to the building industry by volume reflected the sad state of affairs there, the drop was cushioned by a reduction in competitive imports. Pneumatic equipment sales were strong and so were those in commercial vehicle manufacturing.

Another major element in Ocean's improvement is the 89 per cent rise in sales profits to £7.9m, the bulk of that coming from the 49 per cent interest in Overseas Containers.

Interim: 1974 (1973) Capitalization £45m Sales £182m (£127m) Pre-tax profits £11.0m (£10.8m) Dividend gross 1.71p (1.52p)

Stock Exchange compensating the failures

Yesterday's collapse of another stockbroking firm, Tustain and L/Strange, almost certainly means that the Stock Exchange fund system, the argument being earlier this year and call on the 4,600-strong membership for a further £100 each to top up the compensation fund. That prospect in turn has revived loose talk on the floor about the ineffectiveness of the compensation fund system, the argument being that everyone should not be asked to pay for the incompetence or bad luck of the few who go to the wall.

Interim: 1974 (1973) Capitalization £67.8m Sales £135.9m (£89.8m) Pre-tax profits £14.35m (£8.41m) Dividend gross 4.43p (3.94p)

So far, then, no member of the investing public has been hurt by the extreme price rise in the Stock Exchange. That is more than the travel and insurance industries can boast. If the Stock Exchange is to survive the present financial trauma in anything like its present form, it will need much support from investors as it can get—and in turn that

Blackwood Hodge Overseas strength shows

In profit terms, Blackwood Hodge ranks high on the list of defensive stocks thanks to its substantial overseas content. Of £70m of sales in the first six months, an increase of 31 per cent, the United Kingdom was responsible for only 19 per cent and only 27 per cent of the £6.14m trading profits.

Interim: 1974 (1973) Capitalization £12.5m Sales £70.4m (£53.8m) Pre-tax profits £3.81m (£2.56m) Dividend gross 2.01p (1.74p)

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Every year, at least 115,000 tonnes of glass bottles and jars that could be made down and re-used are indiscriminately thrown away in Britain.

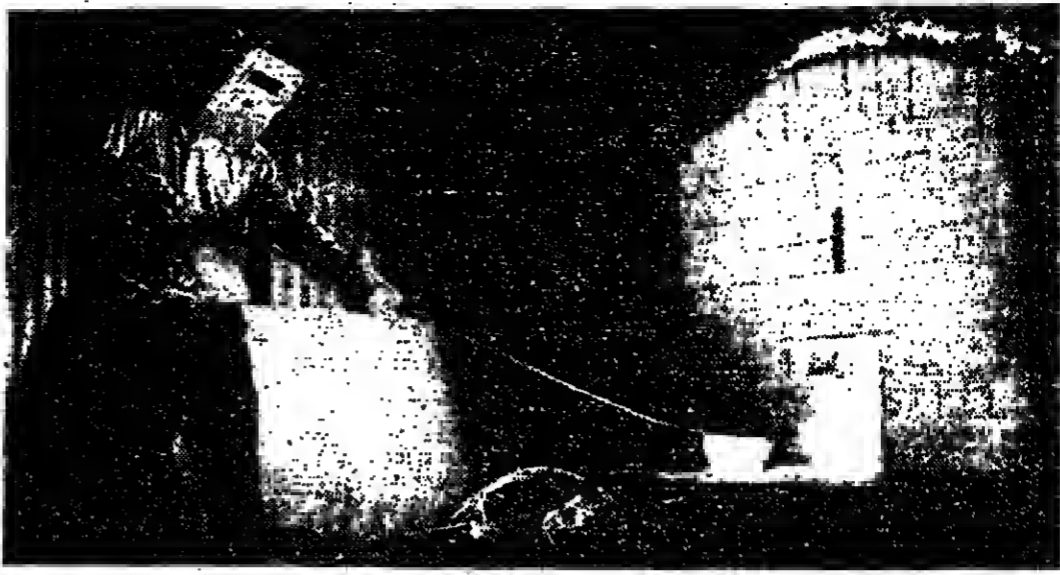
Each week, every household in the country throws an average of 2.7lb of glass into the dustbin. Most of this "glass mountain" finds its way into council rubbish tips—a sad end for what is generally considered among the most attractive forms of packaging yet devised by man.

Last November, the industry's trade organization—the Glass Manufacturers' Federation—which represents 90 per cent of the country's glass container makers, published its "Green Book" the results of a detailed study into the recycling of glass which suggested a number of new ways to cut down the amount of discarded material.

Today, 10 months later, a few practical steps have been taken to implement those suggestions. The GMF working in committees, is slowly grappling with its conservative members while the Government, even though it did make part two years ago in the first working party with the industry and has recently appointed a Minister responsible for waste recycling, has not yet come to any firm conclusions.

Crushed glass, or cullet, makes up about 20 per cent of the weight of glass containers and is essential in carefully controlled amounts to give the "mix" strength, lower the furnace temperature and even out the heat flow.

And glass, says the GMF,



A sample of glass is taken for testing: the right "mix" is important.

cannot be considered in isolation. Collection of all types of waste on a country-wide scale is the only feasible and economic solution.

Admittedly, the re-use of glass is fraught with difficulties and any sifting of the environmental debate going on in the industry should make it clear that recycling glass is not as easy as collecting old bottles and throwing them back into the furnace.

The minimum quantity of cullet needed is about 12 per cent but up to 40 per cent has been tried by some European

manufacturers. What is still not known in the industry is the maximum amount of cullet the glass recipe can stand.

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cleaning machinery and transport costs will add further to the price.

The cost of cullet is a crucial factor in the consideration of recycling. Glass is made from very cheap raw materials—basically sand, limestone and soda ash—which cost between £8 and £10 a tonne and are reckoned to be virtually inexhaustible.

Manufacturers are currently paying between £3.50 and £15 a tonne for cullet and in addition to demands for a general specification there is growing pressure for a minimum cullet price to be set.

Government action appears to be essential if the reclaiming of glass is to become a profitable operation on a big scale. Collection schemes by charities (Oxfam is considering the re-use of waste material as a source of funds) are useful, but the glass makers' demands for huge amounts of consistent quality cullet remain unsatisfied.

Earlier this year, Redfearn National Glass ran a two-month experiment in York with the local authority into the reclaiming of disposable bottles which highlighted the cost of a local scheme specialising in the recovery of just one waste product.

Its weak point was its reliance on the willingness of housewives to sort their empty bottles and jars by colour, and to remove metal caps.

It was more unlikely that used bottles will ever be reclaimed separately. Their collection in bulk, in fact, could prove to be just a spin-off from a general waste recovery system designed initially to reclaim commodities like paper, aluminium and plastics, whose raw materials are more scarce and expensive and on which there are greater social pressures for re-use.

Locating the faults in the Gas Corporation loss

At the end of his first full year as chairman of the British Gas Corporation, Sir Arthur Hetherington would have hoped to announce an improved profit for the organization which replaced the Gas Council.

Sadly this was not the case. Yesterday Sir Arthur had instead to address himself to the corporation's loss of £41.5m for the year ended March 31 this year. It was a loss nearly three and a half times greater than the only other loss recorded by the industry—£12.9m in 1967-68—in a decade.

But Sir Arthur had no doubt where the blame should lie: with successive governments. In his usual carefully measured tone he underlined the sense of disenchantment which pervades Gas Corporation headquarters in Bryanston Street as a result of price restraint policies.

He described the loss last year as "a most demoralizing burden to have inflicted on an industry which had been so successful in the past in keeping its own house in order and at the same time carried out a revolutionary change in the supply and marketing of gas.

Increases in tariffs had too often been a case of too little too late for gas industry and what was particularly galling was the fact that if the corporation had been allowed to lift the average price per therm of gas in step with the movement of the retail price index (a threshold price increase) Sir Arthur would have been announcing a £100m profit.

Already half way through the current financial year the corporation is expecting a further heavy loss in which the increase in industrial and commercial tariffs is unlikely to make much of a dent nor is the required increase in domestic tariffs which is being effectively blocked by Mr Eric Varley's minor typing error.

What is clear is that in the wake of the production cut-

backs by the Arab oil producers and the quadrupling of oil prices, combined with the increase in coal prices—where a further rise on industrial rates is imminent—gas is highly price competitive in the energy market.

Factors which influenced last year's disastrous results were a 13 per cent increase in gas sales; an increase of 0.21p per therm in the overall cost of gas supplied and a reduction of 0.20p per therm in the average income from gas.

The corporation has spared no effort to itemize the effects of restraint on its pricing policies. After the Suez crisis in 1967 the organization sought increases arising from higher oil prices which were not granted until April the following year; in 1970 another rise was asked for to meet increased costs for labour and materials and this was delayed for a year; its application for a 5 per cent increase from September 1973 to 1974, last year it managed a 5.4 per cent return on net assets, the lowest for the five-year period, producing an average of 6.5 per cent for the period compared with a target of 7 per cent.

But the corporation made the point that the target, which incorporates the interest element, had become inadequate for the industry's financial needs.

It is worth noting that during the year the corporation raised £160m of medium-term loans to repay advances from the National Loans Fund and for new capital investment.

Out of this, £120m was raised in the Eurodollar market at rates of interest significantly lower than those prevailing with the National Loans Fund Finance.

This is an asset which the corporation's financial planners will undoubtedly have emphasized to Ministers and Treasury officials.

Pertinent to the corporation's pricing strategy in the future is the price at which it has agreed to purchase gas from the Norwegian and British sectors of the Frigg field in the North Sea. Gas from the field is scheduled to start flowing into the United Kingdom in 1976 at a rate of 750 million cubic feet a day rising to 1,000 million in October that year.

Sir Arthur yesterday was unwilling to disclose details of the terms for this deal, or indeed the basis on which the corporation is negotiating with Shell/Eso for gas from the company's Brent field.

Gas from Frigg will represent a large addition to the supply of gas, equivalent to 30 per cent of present reserves

and therefore must be reflected in the corporation's calculations and submission's for further increases. This is particularly so since all the indications are that it has been obliged to pay a much higher price than in earlier deals involving offshore gas.

The corporation refuses, however, to discuss terms publicly. Sir Arthur said yesterday that he was confident in the ability of the corporation to plan for expansion during the next two decades and, in the corporation's own estimates, by the early 1980s natural gas could be supplying about 40 per cent of Britain's heating needs.

But the efficacy of the corporation's future strategy will be influenced by the attitude of the present and future governments. The corporation for its part firmly believes that it should be allowed the normal commercial freedom to increase prices to the level necessary for its profitable operation.

Subject to Inland Revenue clearance a scheme to permit stockholders to elect, in respect of any part of their holding, to receive the dividend in cash or shares will be put to an Extraordinary General Meeting in mid-December. This dividend will, for tax reasons, be payable on 6th January, 1975, to stockholders on the Register of Members on 11th November, 1974.

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OCEAN REPORTS

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of 2.9675p per stock unit, which with the related tax credits is equivalent to 4.4292p (1973-3.9371p).

Group Profit and Loss Statement for the half year ended 30th June 1974

Table with 3 columns: Item, Half year to 30th June 1974, Half year to 31st Dec 1973, Year to 31st Dec 1973. Rows include Turnover, Trading Profit, Investment Income, Interest payable, Profit on disposal of ships, Group profit before taxation, Taxation, Minority interest in profits of subsidiaries, Group profit after taxation and minority interests but before exchange differences and extraordinary items.

NOTES: 1. The results for the half year have not been audited. 2. Trading profit is stated after charging depreciation of 7,070 (5,930) 12,720. 3. Taxation: United Kingdom taxation 2,100 (1,750) 3,571; Overseas taxation 900 (500) 1,027; Total 3,000 (2,250) 4,598. Taxation on share of profits of associated companies 4,100 (1,900) 4,814; Total 7,100 (4,150) 9,412.

Ocean Transport & Trading Limited

Business Diary: Irony in the Kent saga

Shareholders in the instrument-making business back in 1968.

Such people are Charles Villiers, chief executive of Guinness Peat and chairman of its subsidiary Guinness Mahon, the man who fought so resolutely when managing director of the IRC to get the IRC scheme for the merger of Kent and Cambridge. Instrument through in preference to Rank's bid for Cambridge; and Michael Knight, a director and industrial expert at Guinness Mahon, who after the 1968 intervention went on to Kent's board as an IRC nominee and is now a deputy chairman of Kent.

They do indeed, through a twist of fate, appear to be on the opposite side of the interventionist fence this time, particularly if Kent's board decides to fight the GEC/Government/Rank proposal on behalf of everyone involved in Kent, including, of course, shareholders, the largest being the Government.

Up country Sir Frank Figures, the erstwhile Pay Board chairman who has been out of a job since July, brushed the garden soil off his hands to come into his Leicestershire home yesterday to talk about the future.

Somehow one cannot help feeling that the man who did so much when director general of the National Economic Development Office, in bringing together Government, TUC and the Confederation of British Industry might well have a role to play when an autumn election has passed and a new

government of whatever colour is looking round for men skilled in constructive conciliation.

Sir Frank chewed over the thought. He is probably one of our most outstanding combinations of Civil Service caution and independent thinking, and it seemed to be caution which dictated his oblique reply. "I'm so completely immersed here, you know, it's a hard time to think of anything else."

Sir Frank and his wife took on the picturesque old cottage property at Uppingham three years ago and it has meant a lot of work getting it the way they like it. "I have enjoyed building walls", Sir Frank vouchsafed, although not quite with Churchillian conviction.

And political building? "Sir Frank, now 64, said firmly: "I am finding it very agreeable at the moment not to have to worry."

But it was not for nothing that he once earned the remark, reputedly from a former Labour Minister after Sir Frank had dubbed a United Kingdom import surcharge as illegal, of "Top Frank and no bones."

Before going back into the garden, Sir Frank could not help adding: "I suppose you never know I expect I'll be seeing you around." We'll see.

Psst, it's 017

Britain's first international bomb security conference yesterday passed off unevenly. This must have come as a relief to the organizers, EPA and

Motorola Teleprograms, who had felt it necessary to take elaborate security precautions.

Measures taken included the issuing in advance to delegates of a list of numbers which they had to quote before they could gain admission. For security reasons we cannot release the name of Business Diary's man at the seminar, although we can say that as a result of what may have been a minor typing error, he was given the identification number 017 rather than the number by which he is more widely known.

Having established their bona fides, delegates had to register a signature, and whenever they left, and subsequently returned to the conference area, they had to sign again, and that signature was then compared with the original.

Their briefcases were meticulously searched, and they had to pass through a frame which would have indicated if they had any anti-tank or anti-ballistic missiles or other objectionable objects in their pockets.

The location of the seminar was kept a secret even from the delegates until the last possible moment, and this information remains classified, although we are able to tell our readers in confidence that it was in the Home Counties.

Some delegates seemed inclined to regard this degree of security as possibly excessive.

The underlying argument in favour of these measures appears to have been that terrorist organizations might have felt it was unwise to disseminate information which might reduce their capacity to

create mayhem, and that they could have been tempted to make a preemptive strike. This did not happen.

Heart cry

The anguish of the estate agent, caught in the toils of a shattered property market, reached an apogee in the heart cry last night from Richard L. Daniels, the founder partner of the West and agents of Richard Lionel and Partners.

For eight years Daniels has put out a well-regarded annual review of the state of the market in central London office premises in which they specialise. This year they began to go through the motions and were so despairing of the general situation they decided not to bother.

He said: "I felt that this year our report would have been superfluous as there can be no members of our profession and few of the public that have gone unaware of the catastrophe that has befallen the property market."

Daniels' darkened crystal ball throws up shadows of more property companies going down unless there is a revival of confidence.

Are there no gleams of hope? "Well, the industrial market is not quite so badly affected as the office market. But things could get worse. At the moment all one can do is hope", Daniels said.

But anguish has not completely destroyed his faith. He looks forward to getting his review out again next year on the expectation that a rational discussion will then be possible. Let's drink to that.

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MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Confidence survives fresh blow

The equity market's apparent determination to fight back from its depressed levels received a further challenge yesterday from the disclosure that another stockbroker firm—the fifth this year—had collapsed and would cease trading. The news, hard on the heels of Lloyds Bank International losses in foreign exchange, wiped out some early gains in share prices, which then drifted lower until the end of the session when a careful rally was seen. But no selling pressure appeared, and the City was generally cheered by the market's resistance to this latest misfortune.

gains of 1 to 2 of a point, and longs where the rally was slight, closed unchanged. Hopes of lower United States interest rates continue to inspire the market, but turnover was thin yesterday. Banking shares looked steadier as the Lloyds Bank International losses on foreign exchange were assessed. Lloyds shareholders edged forward to 135p. Interest was quickened by Slater Walker Investments, deal in Lubok Investments, which climbed to 20p.

Gold shares had another busy session, but profit-taking cut into many of the gains scored on Monday. FS Geduld fell back to 522 1/2. Major industrials closed with minor losses, although the tone appeared better towards the close. Lack of business was again the major complaint. There was little activity in oil shares yesterday. BP closed a few pence higher, but investors were content to await developments on Wall Street.

Latest dividends

Table with columns: Company, Dividend, Yield, etc. Includes entries for Blackwood Group, E. C. Cases, Combined Eng, etc.

The Times Share Indices

Table showing share indices for various sectors like FT 100, FT 250, etc., with columns for Index, Change, and % Change.

Spot Position of Sterling

Table showing spot position of sterling with columns for Market, Bid, Offer, and Spread.

Money Market Rates

Table showing money market rates for various terms like 1 month, 3 months, 6 months.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar weakened yesterday on European foreign exchange markets against most currencies. Dealers said the United States currency eased considerably against the Deutsche mark, the dollar was quoted in London at 2.6650-20 marks, down from 2.6745 on Monday.

Discount market short

The Government Broker was able to sell a sizeable amount of gilt-edged stock when the market made a sudden rise of about a point on cheaper money hopes on Monday. The market was short of discounted Treasury bills, directly from the discount houses.

Commodities

Copper drops to a 15 month low

A fresh sharp setback took COPPER prices to their lowest level since June, 1973, yesterday. Cash wire bars declined £27.50 to £69 a tonne, while three months lost £28 to £65.50. The trend continued to late curb trading with the forward position finishing at £68.1.

Recent Issues

Table listing recent issues of shares and bonds, including company names and issue details.

Bank Base Rates

Table showing bank base rates for various banks like Barclays, FNCB, Hill Samuel, etc.

THE NEW THROGMORTON TRUST LTD.

Capital Loan Stock Valuation 3rd September, 1974. The net asset value per £1 of Capital Loan Stock is Nil.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Large table listing various authorized units, insurance policies, and offshore funds with columns for Name, Bid, Offer, and Yield.

BUSINESS NOTICES

AUSTRALIAN LISTED COMPANY (engaged primarily in International Trading) wishes to purchase a PRIVATE COMPANY. Includes contact information for ASAP.

CHEMICALS FOR THE PAPER INDUSTRY. Includes details for U.S. chemical manufacturer and contact for U.S. EXHIBITOR INC.

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FOR SALE OWING TO LACK OF SUCCESSOR. WELL INTRODUCED DUTCH IMPORT AND EXPORT FIRM WITH 50 YEARS' EXPERIENCE.

CONTRACTS AND TENDERS. LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC INTERNATIONAL TENDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CENTRAL LABORATORY AT BENGHAZI.

CONTRACTS AND TENDERS. INTERNATIONAL PRECONSULTATION. The Kingdom of Morocco wishes to make a preliminary consultation with a view to choosing those companies which will be invited to submit tenders for the construction of an oil refining complex consisting principally of: CRUDE UNIT 3,500,000, PLATFORMER WITH PRETREATER 700,000, etc.

LEGAL NOTICES. No. 001619 of 1974. IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN THE CHANCERY DIVISION COMPANIES COURT.

LEGAL NOTICES. No. 001981 of 1974. IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN THE CHANCERY DIVISION COMPANIES COURT.

LEGAL NOTICES. No. 00883 of 1974. IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN THE CHANCERY DIVISION COMPANIES COURT.

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ACROSS: 1 A quiet river situation would be suitable (8). 2 Dupe of little boys? (6). 3 Horse appears to lose its flying speed - no-one is backing (8). 4 Wide's customary declaration (5). 5 Quite a card, but a regular brick (1). 6 Banter found a mile from river (9). 7 Transport supplied for RADA students? (13-7). 8 August assembly in the pavilion, perhaps? (5, 5). 9 Not money-making lines, apparently (4, 5). 10 Montague pines the city a ring (5). 11 Picker-up of a fearful bond-kerchief (6). 12 Where - - - - - armless cloth by night (Arnold) (8). 13 Method in Daisy's temporary madness (6). 14 Law made by figures including Turkish leader (8). 15 Like court contests featuring property (6). 16 High drama of Newbolt's cricket captain's exhortation (4, 2).

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